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prize winner Dr Andrei Sakha-

allowed to join their relatives

He said in his luncheon speech: "One could not fail 10

They were reunited for the first

time in over 40 years,"

politicians and diplomats."

out people was an empty shell,

So far the visit would seem to

Scientists' warning, page 5

BL hopes, page 17

be going according to plan, and even better than British diplo-

Sir Geoffrey remarked.

mats had hoped.

TUC abandons pit

peace hopes

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

all hope of reviving the peace work will substantially grow in

certain

death in

Sudan

From Robert Fisk Kassala, Sudan

Under the grey, volcanic

mountains along Sudan's eastern fromtier with Ethiopia, a

human tragedy of epic pro-portions is in the making as

more than 35,000 people - sick,

hungry and exhausted refugees

from the Ethiopian famine -

live and sleep along the bare

mountainside outside Kassala

with little food. They have no

shelter and only eight volunteer

They are dying at the rate of four or five a night but they are arriving in Sandan at the rate of

more than 3,000day, totally

small contributions being made

by international aid organiza-

You find them crouched on

the great shelves of rock high on the mountains, whole families shivering in the dawn light beneath thin brown cotton

shawls, almost all of them Christians of the Coptic faith, as

they plead, with painful politeness, for food and medical help.

Some have found a few pieces of dead bush to make a

shelter for their children while

others look down hungrily at

the few hundred sacks of grain

piled in the desert, the only sign

of EEC help. There are no tent

encampments for them, not even a rudimentary hospital.

Both the UN High Com-

missioner for Refugees and the

Sudanese refugee authorities

made desperate appeals yesterday for international help to

prevent thousands of deaths in

the disease-infested camp

around the Toklabab mountain.

One official predicted that

arrive there before the end of

February. In the bleak words of Mr Abdul Majid Bashir Elah-madi, the Sudanese Com-missioner for Refugees:

Instead of dying in Ethiopia, they will die in Sudan. They will

walk to face their deaths in

One 3,000-strong army of refugees I watched crossing

from Ethiopia to Sudan was already stricken with a severe

outbreak of dysentery and

Measles among hundreds of its

children. By any civilized standard, they should have been

met by teams of doctors, lines

of hospital tents and food kitchens, with ambulances for

was a single young doctor from Medecins sans frontiers, the

French non-government hu-

manitarian organization. who

examined every child among

the thousands of refugees as

they waited in the midday sun.

He found most of the children

suffering from mainutrition, their eyes sealed with conjuncti-

In one makeshift desert

graveyard alone, I counted 86

graves at the weekend, but the

desperately sick are being brought to the medical tent of

French relief workers in their

dozens. Strapped to pieces of

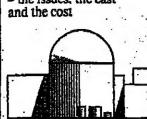
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Sudan.

doctors to look aftr them.

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Power positive Sizewell, Britain's longest public inquiry - the issues, the cast



Expert choice Cocktails and canapes for

Fight night. Barry McGuigan European boxing title

Portfolio.

The Times Portfolio com-petition prize of £2,000 was day. Mr Y. Lahav of London, NW6, Mr V. Kloviza of Stirchley, Birmingham and a Kent man who wishes to remain anonymous each received £666.66. Portfolio list page 16; how to play, information service, back page.

Benefit strike : nears end

Striking social security staff at the DHSS computer centre in Newcastle have voted to negotiate an end to the strike. Talks are expected to begin this week. with a return work in the new

Lawson refuses

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday refused to see an all-party delegation of MPs and pop musicians who wanted to appeal to him to contribute the VAT revenue from the Band Aid record "Do They Know It's

Rajiv favoured The party of Mr Rajiv Gandhi

will win a landslide in India's general election, taking 366 of 511 constituencies, according to an opinion poll for the maga-Gandhi juggernaut, page 6

£250,000 rise Mr Richard Giordano, chairman of BOC may have become Britain's highest paid executive for the fifth year running with a £771,600 salary after a £250,000 Page 17

Tory warning

Conservative opponents of the civil aviation Bill have given a warning that unless it is withdrawn, the Government will face a long campaign to block it Stansted protest, page 4

Best jailed

George Best, the former footballer, lost his appeal against a three-month jail sentence imposed for drinkdriving and assaulting a police-

Cars snowbound

Dozens of motorist were stranded on the A66 between Penrith and Scotch Corner as heavy snowfalls affected paris of northern England."

Indian summer

England ended the leanest spell in their history when their spin bowlers inspired an eight-wicket victory over India in the second Test at Delhi Page 22

Leader page, 13 Letters: On Stamsted, from Sir Adam Thomson, and Mr J Boyes: films, from Mr J G Lee, and Mr M White

Leading articles: Indian elections: Mr Corbyn's gaffe; Arts Council grants

Features, pages 8, 10-12 Squeeze on the dairy industry, Bernard Levin on the limits to Chinese reform; Roger Scruton defends the body impolitic; Fashion from Hong Kong, File on children's suffering. Computer Horizons, page 21

A review of the year; nix to Unix? what Santa's giving to Americans ... Classified, pages 25, 26 Legal appointments

Obituary, page 14 Dr Frank H. Spedding, Mr J9n

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Gorbachov links arms curb to Star Wars ban

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

A warning by the Soviet Union that there could be no weapons in space, was given by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the remind the Americans that the allowed visitor from the Kremlin, in order of Russian priorities had abroad.

London yesterday.

The Soviet leadership attached "serious importance" to the forthcoming new series of arms talks with the United States in Geneva and would seek "radical solutions" in working for a complete ban on nuclear missiles. "Bbut I would like to stress

that in present circumstances it is especially important to avert the transfer of the arms race to outer space. If it is not done it

Mr Gorbachev, a Politburo member, was speaking amid the Tudor splendour of Hampton Court at a luncheon hosted by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, after talks between the two men at which Russian programme had been a recur- on armamennts."

He made clear that the Russians did not accept Presi- the Soviet Union wanted the dent Reagan's distinction British and French nuclear which were designed to hit missile agreement.

Moscow, and defensive missiles

But yesterday's meeting, for aimed only at incoming weaaimed only at incoming weapons from the other side in ing Afghanistan and human

the White House, as many had expected. predicted he would.

Bank faces

Lawson

inquiry

Johnson Matthey Bankers, a

prominent gold bullion trading

The inquiry announcement

brings to a head more than two

months of public and parlia-

mentary questioning about what happened to Johson

Matthey and whether the Bank

of England should have spotted

trouble before the collapse.
It comes when the whole structure of City regulation and

supervision, responsibilities which until recently were the

undisputed realm of the Bank of

England, is likely to change

The inquiry will look at the

relationship between auditors -accountants who prepare a bank's formal financial figures -

and supervisors such as those in the Bank of England who have a

statutory requirement under the

1979 Banking Act to ensure a

bank's soundness. It will also examine the

training and experience of staff

in banks making loans; how

lending risks are concentrated and the assessment of the quality of bank assets; the notification and collection of

statistics; and the adequacy of the Bank of England's Banking

Mr Lawson said that the

Modern

By Thomson Prentice

Science Correspondent

recreated the mysterious bright

light which guided the Three

Wise Men to Bethlehem. He

has calculated that it was

caused by an alignment of

Saturn and Jupiter which

occurred on September 15 in

the year 7 BC - a medieval

error in dating gave the wrong

A senior astronomer has

committee will consist of representatives of the Bank and

Supervisory Department.

radically.

But with Mrs Margaret hope of a nuclear arms deal Reagan at his Camp David prize winner Dr Andrei Sakha-unless the West agreed to ban retreat on Saturday, he was rov, and pleaded for more clearly taking the opportunity to people from Russia to be

> not changed. Mr Gorbachov, who at 53 is being tipped as the man most likely to succeed in time the ageing President Chernenko, also reminded Sir Geoffrey that

Thatcher optimistic

The Prime Minister said yesterday that she liked Mr Corbachev, and that she was outer space. If it is not done it would be unreal to hope to stop the nuclear arms race," he said.

Mirs Thatcher said in a BBC interview: "I like Mr Gorba-chev. We can do business

together."
On Disarmament talks she' said: "I think both of us fel that concern over President Rea-gan's so-called "Star Wars" living of people and perhaps less

between offensive missiles, deterrents counted in any

wartime.

He made no attempt to play constructive and businesslike upon Britain's own scepticism according to the sources. It went by trying to persuade the by trying to persuade the on for two hours and 40 Government to intercede with minutes, much longer than

Sir Geoffrey raised four

conflict after hearing a report of talks with Mr Peter Walker, the

Secretary of State for Energy

and contacts with leaders of the

National Union of Minework-

Miners leaders yesterday told

the TUC's seven-man liaison

group monitoring the progress

of the confrontation that they

were ready to talk with the National Coal Board at any

time, but not on the terms laid

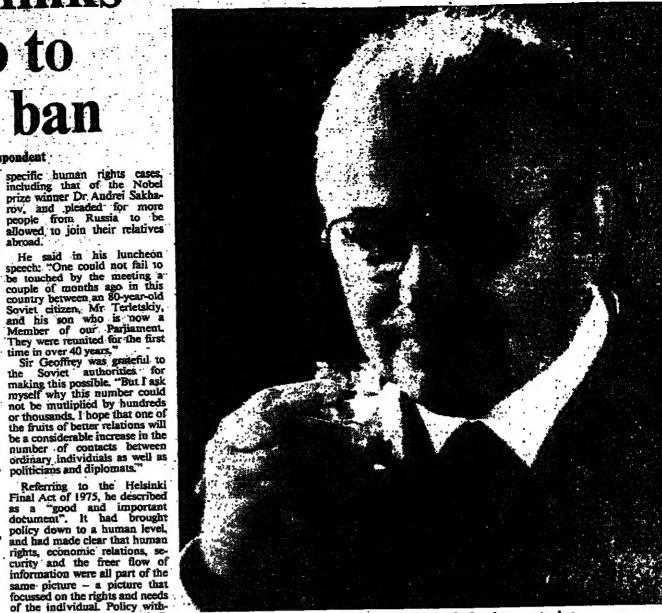
down by the Government that

they should make a prior

confirmation to accept the closure of "uneconomic" collie-

Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM

'Her Majesty, the Queen . . .'



Mr Gorbachov raising his glass at the luncheon yesterday

Thatcher's historic trip under way

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe arrive in Peking today on their historic mission to sign the Anglo-Chinese agreement on Hong Kong

Kong.

But the 48-hour visit is also being pertrayed in Whaten as part of a week's diplomacy which is bringing the Prime The TUC last night gave up The numbers going back to Minister into contact with three world leaders in different parts

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Charles of England across the kinickles strike, which will go into the face a 1903. Mr Ian McGregor, NCb swide-ranging inquiry into banking supervision. The inquiry into banking supervision. The inquiry committee, decided there could make and the New Year with his family, and coal board managers are privately ruling out the The agreement, which will return the British colony to agers are privately ruling out any serious contact with the China in 1997 while leaving Hong Kong people free to continue their capitalist lifes-NUM before the new year. The NUM executive has been tyle for 50 more years, has been sent back to the coalfields and is ailed as a diplomatic triumph

not due to meet until January in both Peking and Lodon. Even in Hong Kong itself most people seem staisfied that 10, although it can be reconvened in emergency session at a few hours notice.

The prospect of such a its terms are the best that could have been obtained under the circumstances, despite their

meeting receded sharply last night after TUC leaders confessed among themselves that they could not persuade the NCB to accept that the NUM had moved sufficiently in its bargaining position to make the resumption of direct, bilateral talks worthwhile.

president, likened the Govern-Mr Scargill said yesterday: "If ment's position to a man going there is a move on the part of out with a gun and meeting the coal board to open talks, we three people asking which of them should be shot. shall repond. We didn't break them off in the first place. If The TUC's assessment of the they want to reopen talks they situation ran, coincidentally, with the view of the NCB. know where we are."

But he insisted, once again, that the NCB must withdraw its Another 80 men returned to work yesterday, and Mr Michael Eaton, chief spokes-March 6 pit closure programme guarantee the future of five man for the NCB; said: "Small threantened collieries, and agree number though this is, on the Monday before Christmas it is a the definition of exhaustion of coal reserves real manifestation of the despair

Ruie change challenge page 2 Parliament, page 4

continuing fears for the future. These fears will be repeated to the Prime Minister when she arrives in the colony on While in Peking she will also hold talks with China's leaders, reduce spending." The council, which allocates

including Mr Deng Xiaoping whose economic reforms are encouraging a new kind of cultural revolution in his

Country.

Behind her will be last Sunday's talks at Chequers with Mr Mikhail Gorvachov, the second most powerful man in the Soviet Politburo, while ahead of her will be Saturday's tête-atête with President Resgan at camp David

● PEKING: Mrs Thatcher has been praised by the former Chinese ambassador to Britain Mr Ke Hua as "an outstanding stateswoman . . . who will go down in history as the leader who ended British colonial rule in the Far East", on the eve of her visit to Peking (Mary Lee

writes). Mr Ke, who was ambassado from 1978 to 1983, set the tone for China's reception of Mrs Thatcher when he told the People's Daily on Sunday, that her "contribution to the settlement of the Hong Kong question is praiseworthy".

She had "understood and praised the one country, two systems" policy, he said, and had proposed "wise policies in the important period of the negotiations which pushed the breakthrough in the talks". Photograph, page 5

purchasing power

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

galleries and museums are to be cut by an average of nearly 13 per cent next year to pay for badly-needed restoration work on the building themselves. on the building themselves.

most unexpected aspect of a contraversial budget unveiled by Lord Gowrie, Minister for the Aris, yesterday. The allocation of Government funds for Garden" strategy to devolve the arts will be restricted to a strategy to devolve arts funding the arts will be restricted to 3 per cent in most areas, less than the rate of inflation, a restriction which the minister himself

described as "tight".
The Arts Council, million less than it asked for warned that the grant award to meet future plans. council's clients, when faced with uplifts well below inflation, will find their very existence in jeopardy. Sir William Rees-

Mogg, the council's chairman, said. "Some, too, may experience shortfalls in their funds from ocal authorities, many of which

ire under sevie pressure to

to 28.7 million.

£1.2m cut in arts

The £1.2 million cut was the been earmarked by Lord Gow-

Purchasing grants of national grants to individual organiza-

equally between clients, many may face retrenchment or collapse. The National Theatre receives £105 million - £15 has already said that it needs a 20 per cent increase in its grant

Lord Gowrie has singled out could close a number of Lord Gowrie has singled out companies. "Many of the three main areas for increases about the 3 per cent baseline. Payments to authors under the Public Lending Right scheme will rise by 40 per cent to £2.75 millon; the Arts Council receives five per cent, but with strings; and spending on building, maintenance and repair at national museums and galleries rises by more than 15 per cent

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Girl's killer jailed for 30 years

By Stewart Tendler

Crime Reporter Colin Evans, a lorry driver with a string of convictions for child-molesting, was jailed for a minimum of 30 years yesterday fler admitting the murder of

Marie Payne, aged four.

At the Central Criminal
Court, Mr Justice Kenneth Jones told Evans, aged 45, of Reading, Berkshire, that he was "an evil, dangerous and unfeeling man" who might murder again "in pursuit of your filthy

serversions."
Sentencing Evans to life imprisonment the judge said he was recommending a minimum term of 30 years, which should either keep Evans in prison for the rest of his days or long. enough for any sexual impulse to fade:

Evans did not speak apart from acknowledging his guilt for the murder, on March 11 last year in Epping Forest. Evans was arrested last May after trying to snatch children in

court was told. Interviewed by the police Evans admitted he had killed the girl after luring her into his car and assaulting her.

He told the police: "She decided she wanted to go back home and get some sweets. I tried to placate her. She started to shout and scream". He grabbed a branch and struck

her.
The case will raise questions over the roles of the police probation service and social workers. Evans worked as a babysitter

in Reading several years ago.
After the case, Detective
Chief Superintendent David Little, who headed the inquiry, said there were aspects which he regretted such as not using a computer. The fatal victim, page 2



Lawson refuses VAT plea on charity record The Chancellor of the Ex- Mr Blair said last night: "The

Treasury, with an independent consultant. Wile the indepedent been made after full consultation with the Treasury. Thje

theirs?."

Irish government to Ethiopia.

Mrs Thatcher said last night

has not been cosen it is understood that the chairman chequer yesterday refused to see record, Do They Know It's an all-party delegation of MPs Christmas, would not have been will be Mr Robin Leigh-Pemand pop musicians seeking to made but for the Ethiopian appeal to him to contribute the famine. As a result the Governoval revenue from the "Band ment have got a windfall of up Aid" famine relief record to the to £500,000 in VAT. The berton, Governor of the Bank. Yesterday, the Bank of England welcomed the announcement, which it said had

in the industry that we have been talking about for weeks.

Retblehem "mystery".

fund for the starving in performers have done their bit; Ethiopia. The Irish government the public has done its bit; why has already agreed to a similar can't the Government do

Bank said that it had highlighted many of the committee's Mr Tony Blair, Labour MP areas of inquiry before the Johnson Matthey collapse. for Sedgefield and the shadow that the Government had Treasury spokesman on VAT, already paid far more than the Parliamentary report, page had organised the delegation. Kenneth Fleet, page 17

wise men locate star in the east Pisces. A conjunction of planets

> cal event which marked the Dr Seymour said the Three Wise Men were probably

astronomers; as suggested in the New English Bible. Jupiter was the planet of kings, Saturn the protector of the Jews, and and Pisces the Zodiac sign "When our calendar was revised in the Middle Ages it is

ber 25 like everyone else." Canon Bede Davis, administrator of Plymouth's Catholic Ca scientifically what we have been saying for 2000 years -

"We are prepared to accept that, because of changes in the calendar. Christ could well have been born before the date traditionally accepted Christmas Day."

Dr Hughes' September 15 starting point to the Anno "Nothing else in the night sky around the years of the Domini era. Dr Percy Seymour, who recreated the Bethlehem night birth of Christ can account for sky in the planetarium at Plymouth Polytechnic, used published data on the movethe star," he said. "It is, in fact, the planets Saturn and Jupiter coming together in the night sky in the constellation of ment of planets 2,000 years ago and led the information into

sophisticated electronic projeclike this happens only about tion equipment at the college.

Much of the data came from once in 179 years. This is almost certainly the astronomithe computer work of Dr David Hughes of Sheffield University, an authority on the Star of birth of Christ."

Dr Seymour, a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, was "amazed" when a huge star appeared on the planetarium screen, coinciding with associated with Palestine.

for something like 500 years,"

Dr Seymour said that it was "pleasing from a scientific view" to explain the miraculous. "But I will continue to celebrate Christmas on Decem-

that there was a star in the east to mark the birth of Christ.

wrong date and seven years late

possible that some mistakes were made in the calculations. The result is that we have been celebrating Christmas on the

Amosi

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4.30

Around Restain

Ford peace formula rejected by union chiefs

By David Felton Labour Correspondent

Ford, which has lost mere than four weeks of car production because of a strike by 270 machinists will not be able to resume car building for at least another two weeks after shop stewards yesterday rejected a peace formula to end the dispute.

The decision will be reported to mass meetings tomorrow and union officials may meet the company later but, because the company closes on Thursday for the Christmas break, the strike is likely to continue for some time.

The cost of the stoppage has been put at £219 million and production of 38,000 car has been lost, about 8,500 manual workers have been laid off. The strike has also meant the annual pay award estimated to be worth about 9 per cent, has not been paid to the company's 40.500 hourly paid employees. The union has asked for an

independent review of the grading claim with assessors approved by the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service. The company offered a review by two senior Ford managers, with an independent chairman and overseen by a union representative.

 General Motors sales in Britain of Vauxhall and Opel cars will reach an all-time record this year. The company will challenge Austin Rover for second place to Ford's market leadership next year. More than 282,000 cars

would be sold this year, representing 16 per cent of the totai car market.

Mineworkers goes to the High

Court tomorrow in an attempt

to prevent working Notting-

hamshire miners voting for a rule change which would end their subordination to the

The union's court action comes onbly 24 hours before a meeting of the Nottinghamshire

area council in Mansfield at

which mandated delegates are

expected to approve the rule

change by more than the

required two-thirds majority. At

least 28 of the 31 branches in the coalfield have voted in

The NUM case will be that

the Nottinghamshire area is not entitled to remove Rule 30, which states that where there is

a conflict between area rules

and national rules "the rules of

supported in court by two

Nottinghamshire miners, Mr

Geoffrey Spencer, who returned

to work some months ago but is

now off sick, and Mr Jim

Dowen, a striking miner. Both

are from Clipstone Colliery,

The move to change the rules in

Nottinghamshire, where the vast majority of 30,000 miners

are working, came after fears

that moderate officials and members could face harsh

disciplinary action by the National executive for aban-

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favour of the change.

union's national executive.

The miners' strike

NUM to contest rule

change tomorrow

By Craig Seton

Benefits strike ends, but pensioners must wait for cash

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent The remaining 350 striking the DHSS says would save

in Newcastle-upon-Tyne yester- Civil Service rules normally

provide only four weeks' protec-

The dispute has resulted in

queues the strike has created. The Post Office and DHSS have

still to settle the final bill for

Assuming that the return to

backlog. A spokesman said that all 4,000,000 child benefit recipients should have up-to-date order books by mid to late

February, but it would take

until June of next year for all 7 million pensioners paid on

order books to receive new

over £100 million.

computer staff at offices of the £700,000 a year. Department of Health and With certain conditions, the Social Security in the North-management has offered no loss east voted to negotiate a return of earnings from the shift to work at a rancorous meeting changes for three years, while

Negotiations to end the seven tion. and a half month long dispute, which has cost the government the recruitment of about 5,000 at least £85 million, are extra civil servants and postpoexpected to begin this week, nement of the clouste of scores with a return to work in the new of Post Offices to cope with the

The decision to end the strike, which has affected payments to millions of recipi-ents of pensions, child benefit and other social security payments, came after the executive of the Civil and Public Services Association decided that there was no support for extending

the action.

A unanimous vote of no confidence was passed in the executive at yesterday's mass meeting, and Mr Alistair Gra-ham, the union's general sec-retary, was heckled and called a Judas as he left. The strikers refused to let executive mem-bers and officials address the

meeting.

Mr Barry Fuge, militant chairman of the Newcastle branch, said he and others been available, and both over and under payments will have been made. Official statistics would be working to ensure that Mr Graham was not re-elected. Mr -Graham said that he have not been run on the Newcastle computer and 90,000 believed the strikers had been civil service staff and DHSS made a reasonable offer over changes in shift working that ministers, have been being paid at "safe" rates since May.

More cash for heart transplant programme

By Our Social Services

Extra cash for heart and liver transplants was announced yesterday by the Government in allocations that should safeguard the heart transplant programme until April 1986. Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister

for Health, said Papworth Hospital in Cambridgeshire and Harefield Hospital in Middlesex would each receive another £150,000 this year on top of the £218,000 they have each already received for 1984.

Next year each hospital's allocation is to be roughly doubled to £800,000. The future of the heart transplant programme after that date will depend on an assessment of the costs and benefits of heart transplantation.

that, and civil service unions believe the strike has cost well A three year study carried out at Brunel University has just been delivered to ministers. It is work goes smoothly, DHSS will face months of work to clear the believed to show that costs are falling and life expectancy improving. The report, to be published in the new year, has been referred to the Standing Medical Advisory Committee and the Transplant Advisory Panel for comment, but Department of Health officials say its conclusions "seem favourable"

Announcing the allocations, Mr Clarke said extra money had Payments for many benefits have had to be made at "safe" been made available this year "become of the increase in the rates because national insurance number of patients being referred for heart transplancontribution records have not tation and the improved avail-ability of donor hearts".

So far this year, according to Department of Health figures, 118 heart transplants have been carried out at the two hospitals, compared to 54 last year but both hospitals had run short of funds. Decisions on funding heart transplantation after April 1986 would "depend upon our deliberations on the place of heart transplantation in the NHS in the longer term", Mr Clarke said.

In this financial year £198,000 is being given to the paediatric liver transplant unit at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge. Where Ben Hardwick, aged two, had a liver transplant earlier this year. The money will keep going at least for the time being, an intensive care room for children who receive liver transplants which viewwers' of BBC's That's Life raised £100,000 to equip.

The Department of Health said the decision would mean nine children aged under 16 should receive liver transplants in the current financial year, The future of liver transplants is being considered by the Supra-Regional Services Advisory



Move to help Britons in Libya By Richard Dowden

Anglicans in Iran in 1980, yesterday met the relatives of

three of the four Britons held in

Libyz and was given letters and

presents to take to the men.
The Archbishop of Canter-

bury. Dr Robert Runcie, also spoke with the relatives and

told them he fully supported

Mr Waite's visit. But Mrs Pat Plummer, on

of the relatives, asked: "If the church can send someone to try

and get the men back, why

can't the Government send

someone too?"
Her husband, Robin, a
British Telecom technician,

was arrested in April when he made a U-turn in his car in front of a university. He has

not yet been charged.

Mrs Carol Russell, the wife

Tories fare

worst in

local polls

By Hugh Clayton

Local Government

Correspondent

Conservatives fared worse

than the other main parties in

council by-elections in Britain

over the past six months,

according to a survey to be published in the Local Govern-

The survey said to be the

most complete available, is

based on figures sent by local returning officers to staff at the department of social and political studies in Plymouth

The results suggest that the trend set in the English and Scottish council elections in

May has continued throughout

Britain. The Liberals made the

Independent councillors

continued to be replaced by successors with party labels and the Social Democrats increased

their small number of council-

lors. Results from the beginning of June to December 6 pro-duced a net loss of 38 seats for

the Conservatives and net gains

of 12 and 26 for Labour and

Liberals respectively.

Last month the Liberals

gained a seat from Labour on Liverpool City Council and one from the Conservatives on

Surrey County Council.
"The Liberals continue to

reinforce the point that where

local parties are prepared to campaign hard in specific localities, there are seats to be

won," the survey report says.

Council election results

largest number of gains.

ment Chronicle on Friday.

Polytechnic.

Britain may allow more Libyans to come here as a gesture to encourage Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, to

release the four Britons de-tained in Libya since May.

Mr Terry Waite, the Arch-bishop of Canterbury's over-seas adviser, is due to fly to Tripoli today and it is understood that, after talks with the Foreign Office, he is returning there with something more substantial to offer than when he went in November.

Mr Waite said yesterday he was taking greetings and gifts to the detainees from their families, but he would also meet senior Libyan officials to discuss the release of the

Britain remains firm on the refusal to barter the Britons' freedom for the four Libyans facing bombing charges in Britain, but may be willing to allow more Libyans into Bri-tain and to resume issuing visas to Libyans in Tripoli.

of Alan Russell, a teacher arrested in May, said she had asked the Foreign Office for financial assistance to visit her The Foreign Office said Mr Waite had been briefed, but that he was not carrying any message from the Government to Colonel Gaddafi. Mr Waite, who secured the release of British and Iranian She had very little to live on

and two of her four children were still at home. The Foreign Office refus but she was given some money by the Church of England to fly out to see her husband. Mr Russell is due to appear

in court again this Thursday facing charges of espionage.

The four men are still kept in a house together although two, Mr Malcohn Anderson and Mr Russell, have been charges Yesterday Mrs Planamer, Mrs Russell and Miss Mary Berdinner, the sister of Michael Berdinner, the fourth Briton detained, brought letters and presents for the men to ambeth Palace to give to Mr

to collect

They were remanded in ustody. Two juveniles were put Vatican's Libyan visitor, photograph page 5. **UK** refuses

dairy fines The Government will defy

the EEC by refusing to collect fines imposed on British dairy farmers who have exceeded their 1984 milk quotas.

It was given the task of collecting more than £1½ million in fines from British producers who have not re-

duced production.

The Prime Minister took the decision to delay payments indefinitely because she and her Cabinet colleagues were not satisfied that other EEC countries were serious in their efforts to cut dairy production.

Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, made it clear yesterday that the fines have not been collected and no attempt will be made to gather the money until the Government is convinced that the scheme is being operated in the same way throughout Europe.

Mr Malcolm Stewart, pub-Mr Malcolm Stewart, publicity spokesman for the Dyfed Action Group of Welsh dairy farmers, has been expelled because of his opposition to its involvement with the Welsh nationalist party, Plaid Cymru (John Young, Agriculture Correspondent, writes).

The group has been at the forefront of protest against the

forefront of protest against the imposition of EEC milk quotas and sent delegations to several of this year's agricultural shows. It has also mounted barricades at ports, intended to prevent the import of foreign dairy

products.

Dairy squeeze, page 12 copies.

Derbyshire police end anti-drink campaign

The police force in Derby-shire has abandoned its Christmas campaign against drinking and driving in favour of a policy of "must the motorist" (Craig Seton writes).

Derbyshire was the first force to announce special patrols in 1978 and other forces followed, In the previous year 11 people had died on the county's roads, most of them in accidents in which drinking had played a

There have been no Christmas fatalities in the county for the past two years and last year only 48 motorists out of 1,200 stopped were prosecuted for drink-driving offences.

Lancashire police have spurged the Ministry of Transport's low-profile anti-drink and drive campaign. Instead of advising drivers to "Stay low" they are distributing their own posters with the slogan "Drive

Fire brigade investigation

The fire brigade is investigating alleged irregularities in overtime and expenses claims involving 12 trade union representatives at stations in South-west London.

The men are all working firemen and, as station representives of the Fire Brigades Union, receive overtime and outside normal shift duties. The men have not been suspended. Inquiries are expected to last

Two admit sex torture of girl. 15 Edward Burke and Susan

Jones, of Porth Rhondda Valley, kidnapped a girl aged 15 and submitting her to two hours of sexual torture, Cardiff Crown Court was told yesterday.

The couple, who admined

rape, indecent assault, abduc-tion, kidnapping and buggery charges, will be sentenced

Thermometer theft charge Kenneth Coulbeck, aged 25.

of Lord Street, Grimsby and Len Efliott, aged 19, of Haven Avenue, Grimsby, appeared before Grimsby magistrates yesterday, charged with stealing a thermometer from Boots.

in the care of the local

Police constable is acquitted

Police Constable Harrison Westgarth, aged 29, was yesterday acquitted at Southwark Crown Court of attacking a

schoolboy with a truncheon.
PC Westgarth, of Holloway
police station, north London,
denied striking the boy on the head while two other officers allegedly held the boy down after being called to a brawl in Wdmore Road, Upper Holloway, in July 1982.

The proportion of students going to polytechnics increased again this year by 4.4 per cent over last year's figure, with sandwich courses in October

1984, with enrolments up for

W H Smith will sell Private Eve

W. H. Smith, Britain's biggest newsagent, which has boycotted the satirical magazine Private Eve for 23 years, is to handle its distribution in the new year.

damages as the distributor of Private Eye, which expects to increase its print run by 100,000

Sale Room

firmer price footing By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

English porcelain had one of O'Neale, was up from £1,760 in

prices bouncing back and showing a substantial advance on the 1970s.

jug with a decoration of exotic birds on a yellow-scale ground made £9,180 (estimate £3,500-£5,000). It was last seen at auction in October 1974 when it sold for £2,600.

Several of the pieces for sale went through the London auction rooms in the mid-1970s

and yesterday sold for £3,456. The sale totalled £190,306 with five per cent unsold. Sotheby's sale of English illustrated books contained a

the House By Anthony Bevins **Political Correspondent**

The National Union of have it called off are being resisted in some quarters by officials who say it was imposed in accordance with the union's Mr John Paul Getty II who gave £100,000 last month to relieve hardship among striking to the Opposition benches. The Labour leader says in an

miners, has now given £120,000 to relieve hardship among intimidated working pitmen. The gift was confirmed by the London accountants Deloitte Among those who will benefit are Michael Fletcher, the

Yorkshire miner who was severely beaten inside his home at Castleford, and Stuart Spencer, whose bungalow in the village of Upton near by was badly damaged by fire. Britain's 55 opencast

mines, which have been supply-ing coal to hospitals, schools and the needy during dispute, face shutdown in the new year, after the coal board sent in three working NUM miners to drive out coal lorries from the Benbain site in Ayrshire and opencast workers belonging to the Transport and General Workers' Union refused to load lorries.

 Police were investigating a fire at the home of Mr Charles Mann, of Fauldhouse, West Lothian, a striking miner who has said he is considering returning to work.

The Labour-controlled Nottinghamshire county council has decided to feed the It has been condemned by Mr cil has decided to feed the Peter Heathfield, the NUM seneral secretary and bt Mr Henry Richardson, the Nottinghamshire secretary, who said it one man was arrested to the striking miners in the county during Christmas.

would be seen as an attempt to yesterday when 500 trade form a breakaway union "by the unionists from all over the Midlands picketed, largely peacefully, outside Lea Hall back door". But members of the Nottinghamshire executive intend to Colliery in Staffordshire.

contest tomorrow's High Court action. One said: "We are ready of a working miner in the Selby of a working miner in the Selby coalfield narrowly escaped death when a manhole cover-was thrown at the window of to take whatever they can throw Less clear-cut on Thursday will be a decision on the future their home, the police said. of the miners' overtime ban in

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interview on Thames Television's *Hot Seat* tonight: "There won't be enough women MPs until it's something like half the House of Commons, and we are spending a great deal of time in thinking of ways in which we can actually increase the number.

black MPs. I think that the time has long been due when the ethnic minority communi-ties should be represented by some of their number in the House of Commons. It will somehow. But it has beaten a lot of good minds who try to think of ways in which to number of women and larger number of black people."

he admires Mrs Thatcher for becoming, as a woman, the head of government. "I think that's a cause for admiration," he says.

the Commons, out of 650

cooperation By John Young

industrial nations met in London yesterday for what was described as an informal meeting to discuss greater cooperation on environmental and economic policies.

technology or hazardous chemicals to developing coun-

Other topics were acid

and hazardous wastes. Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for refusing to give a firm target for acid rain reduction. France did not attend the meeting. Mr Jenkin said President Mitterrand believed matters of particular concern to the seven countries could only be discussed at head of state level but Frances absence had been regretted.

By Clifford Longley

Religious Affairs

Correspondent

The Pope's visit to Britain in

1982 cost the Roman Catholic

Church nearly £7 million,

according to the accounts of the

company, Papal Visit Ltd. being

filed at Companies House this

arrangement on souvenirs, run

in conjunction with IMG

franchise licensing fluke".

week.

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A woman's

Mr Neil Kinnock believes that about half of the MPs at Westminster should be women, and he wants the Labour Party to accelerate the process under which there will be a larger number of women and the introduction of black MPs on

"I would like to see more like to accelerate the process ensure that there are a larger

Mr Kinnock also says that

Ther are 25 women MPs in

Environmental keynote of talks

Environment ministers from six of the world's leading

Ministers from Britain, the United States, Canada, Japan, West Germany and Italy discussed topics including the disaster at Bhopal in India and problems over the transfer of

depostion, dangersto the stratospheric ozone layer, the effect on climat of rising levels of carbon dioxide, and the management of toxic chemicals

Christmas shopping: Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of

Armed man shot dead after Ulster blast

From Richard Ford, Belfast An armed man was shot dead seriously ill and another in a

Group), raised only £250,000, the accounts show.

Almost the only asset left to Papal Visit Ltd is one of the four "popernobile" vehicles

and another captured by police yesterday in co Armagh, minutes after a landmine explosion injured seven Ulster Defence

Regiment soldiers. A Royal Ulster Constabulary police car travelling on a road nearby heard the blast of the bomb which had been hidden in a culvert. The officers jumped from their vehicle and saw the two armed men fleeing across the Armagh countryside. exposure while escaping from a

As the seven UDR members crawled from the wreckage of gun battle between them and the vehicles the police gave chase, killing one of the armed men and capturing the other.

hoped for about £1 million from

souvenirs. The total cost of the

visit borne by the church, £6.650,267, was however,

within a few thousand pounds o

the estimate made in 1981. Mgr

Ralph Brown, chief organiser of the visit, said this was "a total

The balance of the money

either man fired at the persuing Last night one solder was

Fermanagh.
A soldier and another IRA man died in the shooting and Two loaded guns, ammunition and a grenade were the Provisionals say the missing found. It is not thought that man was last seen about to enter the Bannagh river to flee

from less serious injuries.

Police described it as a "most

remarkable coincidence" that they were within yards of the explosion near the village of

Blackwatertown on the borders of co Armagh and co Tyrone.

the Provisional IRA said they feared one of their volunteers

had deowned or died from

Yesterday's incident came as

across the border into co

specially built by British Ley-land, which is being considered

for conversion to a mobile

recycling and a third given to

Two were returned to BL for

The church paid for the

policing the "enclosed" events

but not for policing the public

operating theatre.

the Pope as a present,

the SAS two weeks ago in co

IMG had been of considerable help to the church, though probably nt profitable to IMG.

Pope's British visit cost church

stabulary's attendance in Coventry on Whit Sunday Mgr Brown said the deal with

police authorities, including £280,000 for Warwick Con-

The company's accounts were audited by Price Waterhouse, who report: "The direc-tors do not recommend the payment of a dividend."

with IMG was raised by church collections areas. Nevertheless, five figure
Management before and after the visit, sums were claimed by various

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almost three-quarters embark-ing on first degree courses. Nearly 150,000 students enrolled on full-time and

engineering, mathematics and technology.

It had refused to sell the magazine "on legal advice" and for fear of having to meet libel

English porcelain gains

ts best days in the sale room for a long while yesterday with

An elegant Worcester milk

and most prices had multiplied by two or three times. A Chelsea. octagonal teabowi and saucer, £10,000-£15, decorated in puce with little totalled £180 cent unsold.

February 1976 to £2,808. The biggest price increase was

for a pair of Longton Hall peony dishes, dated at about 1755, which made £440 at Christie's in December 1975

rare copy of Edward Young's Night Thoughts with pictorial borders engraved by William Blake and coloured by hand; probably by Blake hiraself. It made £13,750 (estimate (estimate The sale £10,000-£15,000). totalled £180,774 with three per

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Marie Payne was fatal victim of a The police lone is a specific time in the police in the po persistent child molester

The forest many The analysis was before In the bree min mingle March afternoon last year. She stant eliast out the county. was probably dead before

that they on me toursely being the displaying had be anyone knew she was missing. Colin Evans, jailed for at least 30 years yesterday for her Little Frite paid the murder, was a persistent sexual the attacks had been sent to all the next day I could have killed offender against children. He forces including Leith, near myself. Can't you take me had 13 convictions.

the form to make the form A man convicted of assaultdestruct age process ing his own daughter, Evans was to become a child-minder. O Latte action Follow He was at liberty to kill Marie Outside. Payne when he should have been in prison. He remained free for 13 months after her death although he had links with the girl's home area.

The state of the s Principal and the story Marie Payne vanished on Edinburgh, where the teams March II last year. She was last investigating the murders of seen playing near home in Caroline Hogg and Susan Gorsebrook Road, Dagenham, Maxwell had their head-

There were several "sightor dead.

investigation In October last year, seven months later, some of her clothes were discovered nine miles from her home in the centre of Epping Forest Police were now dealing with a Reading Berkshire Evans had probable murder but there was a list of convictions.

new suspect emerged. In Rainham, Essex, a man men have not ben the

wearing a straw-coloured wig and driving a yellow Avenger tried to persude two girls aged seven and nine to go with him

At 1.45 pm at Ilford, a few miles further west, a man driving a yellow Avenger tried Paragraph Rolls Ton to tempt two girls aged three and five, into his car. Their father rescued them. The man fled but the father took a registeration number; HJB 821

> Forty-five minutes, later in Stepney the man walked up to a her into his car. Her screams

'Disgusting'

record

of crimes

victed when he was 27 years old

and a bus driver in east

At the Central Criminal Court in 1966 he was fined £10

on each of three counts of assaulting children after taking them to a forested area near his

married man with a daughter,

he was sentenced to ten years by Essex Quarter Sessions for six offences against children. One

of the victims was his own

to change his sex drive, but it

was abandoned because of side

effects. He was released in 1975.

prison for three years for assaulting a nine-year-old spas-

tic girl. Two other cases were

in 1980, nine months after

his release he was back before

Reading Crown Court, accused

of indecent assault on a girl of

Judge Hilliard gave him six months and told him he had a

"disgusting" record but the judge could consider only the case before him.

Late last year Reading magis-trates fined him £200 for

writing to the parents of children he had assaulted, demanding access to the children

The detectives investigating the death of Marie Payne knew

nothing of Evans In 1967, a year after Evans's

first offence near the Paynes' area, a new collating system for

sexual offenders was started.

Under the system the force

which arrests the offender keeps a card on him or her and if the

offender moves it passes on

details to the police in the area

in Essex in 1970 a record was

kept and when he settled in

Reading the local police force

knew about him. He was not

known as an offender in

ondon because he had missed

the system by a year.

He was arrested by Thames
Valley police six weeks after the

disappearance of Marie Payne for an offence against a girl

When Evans was convicted

where the offender lives.

Victim

How Evans slipped

the police net

and

Marie Payne and Colin

By the time he appeared in

court last November - eventu-ally to be acquitted - the

clothing had been discovered in

Epping Forest. Still no one

London police had not been led

into a crucial mistake early in

the inquiry. They had 19 witnesses who knew - Marie

and placed her in the area near

her home between 2 and 5pm.

They also had one man aged 84

who saw a yellow car parked in

Gorsebrook Road just before

2pm with a man inside eating

food. The old man could not

Payne incident room were based on the traditional card

index. In retrospect, there is a

feeling that a computer should

The records in the Marie

enlarge his description.

have been brought in.

They would have done if the

questioned him.

attacker:

taken into account.

In 1978 Evans was sent to

He received drug treatment

child. His marriage collapsed.

London.

Barking home.

Four years later,

Colin Evans was first con-

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Marie Payne, aged four met her alerted reighbours and the man for Marie Payne's parents that their daughter might never be

vanished the checked the property buried registration and found a driver Evans suddenly replied You will never know what has a warm though my mind

outside and hang me?"

- Evans cating when Marie came along

According to Evans on the day Marie Payne died he went

to see his mother, who lived

near the Payne family. Finding his mother was out he bought some food and sat in his car

with her dog.
The child was induced to

enter the car and Evans drove

to the forest. He took some

pictures, but the child started to cry. Evans hit her with a piece

He stripped her and buried

the body in a shallow grave, hiding the clothes nearby. When

he discovered a fault on the

camera had ruined the pictures

he drove back to Epping two

days later.
While hundreds of volunteers

The morning after his con-fession Evans took the police to

the spot and uncovered the

remains of Marie Payne, her skull split by a long crack.

1939, was the subject of three

psychiatric reports but he is not

deemed mad. He has been

described as mentally ill. He has

attributed his sexual drive to an

incident when he was a boy.

A man whose intelligence is

close to the top ten per cent in

the country, Evans, complained

to the police of days when his

sinister

secret

Berkshire supervised Evans

after he was released on licence

in 1975 and in 1980 he again

received help. He was in touch with a

probation officer, Mr Peter Southerton, who, was also deputy chairman of the Reading section of Toc H, the Christian

charity. He was given the lob of

Toc H worked with the social

organizing work for members.

services department and early in 1982. Evans became the

childminder for a family of

three children over a period of

two mouths. In June 1982 he

was arrested and charged with assaultling two of them. During the hearing the court was told the family did not know of

A senior source at Berkshire

County Council said that the

social services had never been told of Evans's background.

The social worker who intro-

duced him as a babysitter had

been mistaken, assuming be

was himself a habysitter instead of the man who

According to the Probation Service Toc H was not told of

One senior official of the

local probation service said that there had been a "messy

tangle of overlapping responsi-bilities". The issue of Evans involved "the whole area of

how the community deals with dangerous people". A pro-bation officer had been disci-

Evans was acquitted of the assaults in November 1982, four months before Marie

In a statement yesterday Berkshire County Council said

that its social services depart-

ment had asked Toc H for help

with various jobs and said that

very prompt action had been

taken when concern was raised

over Evans's activities. The

council said that in introducing

Evans to two families as a

babysitter a social worker had

The principal social worker

wrote to Evans spelling out policy that volunteers offering

to help families with children

known to the department had to

have references cleared by the

A social worker had broken

this policy because Evans had

been introduced as person of

status "within a very reputable

broken council policy.

Payne was killed.

Evans's background either.

organized the service.

The probation service in

what might have

Asked

Evans, born in Barking in

was eventually confirmed. been going through my mind. In the meantime details of singe that day. When I woke up

'Can't you take me and hang me?

One Leith officer. Detective ings" of her but no concrete Constable Baxter McPherson, clues to whether she was alive noticed that witnesses sometimes transpose the last figures

of registration numbers. Playing with the number his keyboard he found that HIB 812N was a yellow Avenger. It belonged to Evans, living in were combing the forest three miles away Evans incovered the body, photographed and mutilated it. He then hid it

Still no body.

But on at 11.45 on the Reading police to hold Evans.

morning of May 6 this year a As a matter of course they also told the Marie Payne incident room a few miles away what

had happened.

A detective sergeant drove to Reading and started searching Evans's flat. Tucked inside the sleeve of a record on an oldfashioned radiogram were some negatives.
The detective took off the

back of the radiogram and found 160 pictures of children. A series of nine seemed to be of a dead little girl who looked similar to Marie Payne. Despite hours of questioning

actions and desires were uncon-Evans refused to budge. Then trollable.

Det. Superintendent David Asked girl aged 6 playing outside a Little leading the inquiry, tried block of flats and tried to drag talking to him alone and her into his car. Her screams pondered aloud how sad it was happened on May 6 he said: "To be absolutely honest I don't



An anxious moment for Joe Turi, a trick rider, during an exhibition round at the Olympia International Showjumping Championships at Olympia, west London, yesterday.

(Photograph: Chris Cole).

Subscribers to private health

Attempts by the provident associations to control the

increasing cost of private medicine have so far had only a limited impact. Hospital charges are continuing to rise to offset the costs of empty beds in the private sector.

and Wales said yesterday.

port on street prostitution.

peared,

soliciting.

as "no more than a necessary

business expense," it says, in its submission on the Criminal

Law Revision Committee re-

"Any chance of deterring women from a life of prosti-

tution by the fear of imprison-

ment, slight though it may have

been, has now wholly disap-

Instead the law was

danger, if it had not already

done so, of driving women into

prostitution and subsequently

into prison for failing to pay the

large fines, now imposed for

These prison terms were

onger than those which used to

imposed when imprisonment

was a penalty. Now the law's

only deterrant effect was to keep

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taken into custody.

ate custodial sentence."

Best claimed that the sen-

Havers told the judge Best was "extremely remorseful", had

rececived "a very nasty shock"

and appeared to have learnt his

arrested, charged and bailed.

introducing increases averaging between 9 and 11 per cent, with a maximum increase of 15 per However, the associations

now review their subscription rates twice a year, so annual increases are running at between 12 and 23 per cent a year at a time when inflation is about 5 per cent.

increase over the year for most of its subscribers at an average Association (BUPA), with over of 12 to 14 per cent. For a 70 per cent of the health married man, aged 49, with a insurance market, is raising wife and two children, cover for subscriptions by between 7 and most independent hospitals and

£487 a year and £748 in London, before discounts. The equivalent charges for broadly similar cover from PPP would be £479 and £765 a year, also before discounts. The steepest BUPA increase

in January is for London subscribers aged over 65. Their rates will rise be 15 per cent to £1.292 for a married couple.

With two months' figures still to come for this year, BUPA estimates that market growth will be between 4 and 5 per cent and PPP puts the figure at between 3 and 4 per cent. That will take the total number of people holding private health insurance to about 4.7 million. | been obliged to do so.

Seven years for teacher supplying drugs

A schoolteacher was jailed for seven years yesterday for supplying LSD which led to the About £30,000 worth of precious metals was stolen during a bullion van hijacking death of a boy aged 16 who fell from a block of flats. The judge in Bristol yesterday in which the driver was kidnapped and dumped 100 miles away. told Richard Catherwood: "You

are a danger to young people."

The sentence was criticised as too light by the father of Lee Sawyer, the boy who died. Mr Peter Sawyer said: "It is daft, it is silly. He will be out in him to stop.

five years and will be peddling death on the streets again." He said the "poisonous seed" Catherwood had laid would still claim victims "when he is not

After the case at Inner London Crown Court Det Insp Graham Collins praised the "courage and guts" of six young men "who saw one of their friends killed through drugs" and had given evidence against Catherwood. Judge Suzanne Norwood jailed Catherwood, aged 40, for

seven years for supplying cannabis to a juvenile and for possessing cannabis with intent to supply. He was failed for three years for supplying an-other youth with cannabis, the nces to run concurrently.

Catherwood, had admitted two charges of possessing drugs and one of supplying cannabis and was found guilty of four further drugs charges and cleared of another three, one on the direction of the judge.

Judge Norwood accepted that Catherwood did not sell drug to his pupils, but it was still "an exceptionally grave offence" because he sold drugs to some schoolchidren and to people who got to know him because he was a teacher. The court heard that young

people, including schoolchild ren, flocked to Catherwood's home in Melbourne Grove, east Dulwich, south London.

He had made five previous court appearances on charges. In 1979, he joined Inner London Education Authority as a supply teacher and had worked at ten schools since 1982. He had not been required to declare his previous convictions in 1979, but since 1981 new teaching applicants had

South Wales, but warned Mrs

Duxbury that there was no

guarantee it would work be-

"When Mr Khan took off the

bandages, I could see his face

quite clearly. I thought how handsome he was, It was fantastic. I was so excited I

jumped straight out of bed and

child," Mrs Duxbury, of Sickert

"I was just like an excited

ran down the corridor.

Close, Newport, said.

Van driver kidnapped in £30,000 bullion raid

The driver aged 40, was taking the van out of the yard of the bullion delivery firm, of Scadlynn, in Bristol, when two men in another vehicle forced

The man was then bound and blindfolded and driven to the Heston service station on the M4 near Heathrow where he was found unhurt more than four hours after the highjacking. The van was found without its

cargo. Police could not say whether any gold had been on board, but said silver was among the precious metals stolen.
Police led by Det Chief Supt Alan Ellion of Avon police appealed for information.

Police fined for taking bribes

Two policemen serving as coroner's officers at Battersea, south London were fined at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for taking bribes from undertakers for recommending them to remove a body. Anthony Kirkham, aged 50, of Dukes Avenue, New Malden, south Malden, was fined £250 and ordered to pay £250 legal

John Hale, aged 51, of Grandison Road, Worcester Park, south London, was fined £150, with £500 costs, A third coroner's officer, Alan Lover, aged 46, of Montagu Gardens, Wallington, who served at Croydon coroner's court, was cleared of similar charges.

Record flight An RAF Nimrod reconnais-

sance aircraft has flown 16,000 miles to the Falklands and back in a record time of 38 % hours. The flight from Kinloss was broken by a stop at Ascension Island Nolan conscious

Mike Nolan, the Bucks Fizz singer, yesterday regained consciousness and whispered to a friend, Jimmy O'Reilly: "I'm all right". Newcastle General Hospital has taken Mr Nolan off the critical list.

Sunday fine

W. H. Smith, which has announced that it will no longer dely Sunday trading laws, was fined £15 yesterday by magistrates in London for selling a music cassette at its Kensington High Street branch on Sunday,

House repairs

The National Trust is to restore Wordsworth House, the Georgian birthplace of William

Wordsworth in Cockermouth, Cumbria, at a cost of £10,000 between now and February. Writer's appeal

The Court of Appeal will today review the nine-month jail sentence imposed last week on Helen Hough, the novelist who admitted helping an old woman to commit suicide.



Private health fees to rise

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

insurance face further steep increases in premiums from lanuary i, well above the rate of

British United Provident

BUPA puts the subscription

ment for soliciting has removed this meant persistent offender

Babysitter's 5 per cent from January 1. health service teaching hospitals Private Patients Plan (PPP) is outside London will now cost

Jailing prostitutes 'the only deterrent' The abolition of imprison-steeply rising scales of fines. But

the only effective deterrent to might find themselves with the offence, the Prosecuting heavy debts which they could Solicitors' Society of England not discharge lawfully or even by further prostitution. Many, if not all, prostitutes The law was therfore in regard paying fines for soliciting danger, if it had not already done so, of actualy driving women into prostitution and subsequently into prison for non-payment of fines for longer periods than used to be imposed when imprisonment was a

penalty, it says. The society apprecites that it is too early to reppen the debate on whether imprisonment for repeated soliciting should re-main a sanction. But it would not be representing the everday experience of its members in magistrates' courts if it did not make plain its view of the

consequences of its intention. The society criticizes pro-posals to create separate of-tences for soliciting and "kerbcrawling" and regrets that there is not one offences proposed for prostitution whether by men or omen, clients or not suppliers.

prostitutes off the streets for the hour or so while they are being It also says that there should be one standard of proof for To protect the law from kerb-crawling by men and for comtempt, many magistrates' benches had implemented purposes on foot.

Cabinet experts Best goes to jail to study cable rejects appeal TV problems

George Best, the former footballer international, failed By Bill Johnstone Cabinet Office technology experts are to study the British vesterday in his appeal against a cable television industry again in the new year and highlight the problems of the last six hree-month jail sentence for drink-driving and assaulting a After Judge Butler, QC,

rejected the appeal at South-wark Crown Court Best was retarded the industry's progress. The Information Technology Advisory Panel three years ago advised the Government to approve the expansion of cable tence passed by the Bow Street in Britain and assist in intro-ducing multichannel cable telemagistrate was too severe. His counsel, Mr Philip

vision. Twenty entertainment channels were to create enough income to subsidise about 12 information/consumer channels The industry has, however,

Judge Butler said Best drove in central London with more undergone a big upheaval in the last six months. Of the two than three times the permitted firmest proponents of cable expansion, Visionhire has said level of alcohol. He had a previous similar conviction. He it is pulling out of cable and the Rediffusion cable network has added: "It must be understood that those who assault police been sold by BET to Mr Robert Maxwell's Pergamon Press. officers must expect an immedi-

Eye operation ends lifetime in the dark A grandmother registered no since childhood, was Mr Ynis Kan, an eye surgeon, carried out the operation at St Woolos Hospital, Newport,

rejoicing in the perfect Christmas present yesterday after an operation enabled her to see clearly for the first time.

Mrs Sylvia Duxbury, aged 63. cause of her rare condition. an albino, who said that before surgery she had a glimmer of light in one eye and could pick out vague shadows, had artificial lenses implanted in the back of both eyes.

Now she can see clearly her nusband, Tom, aged 65, her two daughters. Pat and Yvonne and her six grandchildren for the

"What little sight I had was etting worse all the time and I

knew this operation was my only chance," she said. On seeing her husband who she married 42 years ago, she

looking than I thought".

Mr Khan said: "I expected her to be able to see something.

but it has been more of a success than I thought since she can see properly. "I doubt if I will ever perform

another operation like this again in my life."

happens to her again.

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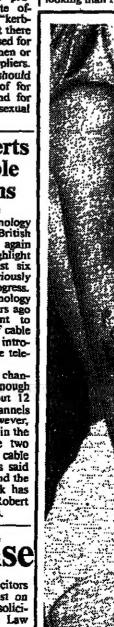
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burnt and broke

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to twist yours.



Few solicitors take advantage of freedom to advertise ham, south London who claims Scotland's 6,000 solicitors been monitoring the advertishave advertised, reaction as to

By Our Legal Affairs. Correspondent

Fewer than 5 per cent of solicitors in England and Wales are estimated to have taken advantage of the freedom to advertise under rules which came into force on October 1.: No official figures have been

are that the response has been lukewarm with an estimated 200 of the 7,500 firms advertising in the press and a small number on radio.

Miss Nicola Watkins, a Law

ing, said it was too early to form any conclusions. But she added: My early impression however, is that there has been far more advertising in the North of England than in the South, perhaps because there is more competition among northern

The main aim was "to increase public awareness of a firm's existence" rather than to

bring in an immediate flux of clients and that aim could only be assessed after some months, But among solicitors who

firm with offices in London and Surrey, which jumped in at the deep end with a radio iingle to the tune of American blues, are pleased with results, and say they "exceeded expectations". A partner said: "The radio advertising was quite encourag-

ing in terms of name awarence But the advertising in four local newspapers has been an unqualified success with perhaps 15 to 20 clients coming along as Mr Percy Richer, of Upton.

casting radio - just after midnight on October 1, was less enthusiastic, however. Fifty inquiries had resulted in only two or three clients. The spinoff, was in long term public relations, he said. Mr Graham Plant, of Donn

and Company in Manchester, which used local radio jingles, said it had been successful in terms of promoting the firm's name, although there was only

its success is mixed. Cardales, a he was the first solicitor to are being balloted by post on firm with offices in London and advertise, - on London Broad-advertising by individual solicitors, as opposed to the Law Society, after a special request by 53 members of the Scottish Law Society.

A special general meeting of

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Society spokesman who has

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the society on December 20 which was to have considered a change to rules of practice allowing such advertising has therefore been postponed. The

Law Society's council has approved advertising in principle by 37 to 2 but there is considerable opposition in some quarters of the profession.

He said: The Governor and I have therefore agreed to a full

review of the present supervisory arrangements, and to consider

whether any early changes in present supervisory procedures are

review, including any legislative changes I think necessary.

Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy Leader of the Labour Party and spokesman

on Treasury and economic affairs: The most significant fact about that statement is that the Government

felt the sudden necessity after 10 weeks to go on record about the affair. No doubt he believes that the

BANKING

Scargill demand attacked as absurd

COAL DISPUTE

Repeatedly urged to take steps to bring about negotiations between the National Coal Board and National Union of Mineworkers. Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, reminded Labour MPs over and over again in the Commons that since the dispute began there had been seven sets of negotiations, including an Acis proposal accepted by Nacods, the nit deputies union, and that Mr. Scargill, the NUM president, had repeatedly said he had not moved

indeed. Mr Walker pointed out, that morning after a meeting with the TUC, Mr Scarpill had repeated his demand and informed the TUC that the NUM was not prepared to allow the closure of any section of the industry, however small. That kind of demand had never been made in the past. It was an absurd demand and one that would do permanent damage to the coal

Reporting on the situation. Mr Walker said coal production was at its highest level since the dispute started and coal stocks at power stations remained similar to the level in August. Of the 174 pits, there were 148 with men present and 65 of these areas and the state of the and 66 of these were producing coal.
Since November 5, more than
16.500 striking miners had reported

for work,
At Friday's meeting with reprecentatives of the TUC, he had
expressed the Government's regret that the compromise proposal put forward by Acas, and the agreement reached with Nacods, had not provided proposals acceptable to the NUM leadership.

With two of the three mining unions not on strike the added) and with one-third of the NUM which had a ballot voting overwhelmingly against strike action, the Government regret that the two-thirds of the NUM continuing on strike have been deprived of the opportunity to their views through a national hallot.

Mr Gerald Howarth (Cannock and Burntwood, Ct. Will be assure working miners that further talks will not take place unless there is reliable evidence of a fundamental shift in the leadership of the NUM about the future of uneconomic

Mr Walker: I have expressed to the TUC and the mining unions that I am willing to have talks with them at any time. In talks with the TUC

Since the start of the coal dispute, 23

production faces and 13 salvage

faces were giving cause for serious concern and more than 65 faces were causing concern. Mr David Hunt, Under-Secretary of State for Energy, said, during Commons questions.

It was a tragedy that the NUM

was putting at risk these pits while its leaders claimed to be fighting to

sure them. The only way to end the dispute, he added was for miners to vote with their feet and return to

work.
The total investment programme

of the NCB had been planned at £800 million for this year. The

work on many of the coal boards projects, including the Selby coalfield to the detriment of the future of the industry.

Mr Timothy Eggar (Enfield North.

C): Was not the Selby development a signal to mining industry that the

Government was committed to its

future? Was it not a severe blow that the NUM decided to go ahead with pucketing at this coalfield?

Is there nothing the Government can do to try to get further miners back to work so work can continue at Selhy despite the actions of the NUM?

Mr Hunt Everything possible must be done. Since 1979 the Govern-ment has invested £3,900 million in

the coal industry. That is nearly 50 per cent higher in real terms than investment in the previous five

years of Labour Government. Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton,

Labr. Is it not time the Government stopped intervening on the side of the NCB and intervened to get a

settlement? In view of the Government statement that there could be no negotiations, is not Mr Scargill right that the only way forward now is industrial action by the rest of the

working class movement? (Con-

Mr Hunt: It was noticeable that when Mr Heffer said Mr Scargill was right, there was not one note of

servative protests).

INVESTMENT

however uneconomic, must be kept open until the last ion of coal has been extracted.

Mr Rosald Davies (Caerphilly, Lab): There are parts of the coal mining industry where the strike is solid; and no prospect of it being broken. In view of the increasing doubts about the NCB's accounting figures, will be accept that there has

to be negotiations?

Would it not be helpful to would it not be helpful to instruct Mr MacGregor to withdraw his remarks about pre-conditions and get the parties back around the table?

Mr Walker. There have been seven lots of negotiations. In all of them, including those involving Acas with the compromise proposal. Mr Scargill has constantly stated that he has not moved his position. If Mr Davies wants a settlement he should put pressure on Mr Scargill.

Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab); Since it is painfully clear every day that there can be no winners and no losers whatever - we are al Mr Walker take the initiative and call together all the sides involved in



Orme: Basis exists for talks to resume

the dispute so long as there is an understanding that there is flexibility on all sides before thay start?

Mr Walker, I have difficulty in replying to that in that one side came forward in July with a whole range of new proposals which were a considerable move and showed flexibility. Another mining union went to Acas and agreed the

mons. Before this industrial action

started, coal industry had tremen-dous potential for the future. This is

sadly being lost every day the

Mr Derek Foster (Bishop Auckland,

bleat how tragic it is for the industry that 'the dispute continues. If Conservative MPs are so concerned

about the damage, why do not they lift a linger and get the people round the table to solve the dispute? The Secretary of State is

profoundly mistaken if he believes

humiliating the miners or destroy-

Mr Hunt: The solution did lie with

dispute in accordance with the long established democratic tradition of the NUM. If a ballot had been held

there would not have been any need for mass pickets and intimidation and violence. Not one miner would

Later Mr David Nellist (Coven-

Later Mr David Nellist (Coven-try South East, Lab); said: Selby, in producing 10 million tonnes with 4,000 miners, is designed to replace the equivalent production from 21 pits in the North Yorkshire area

which used to employ 16,000 men. Is that not one of the central issues

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State

for Energy: My predecessor in a Labour Government boasted of the

contribution it made towards developing Selby. The reason for the dispute is nothing to do with the development of Selby, which is in the interests of the

The EEC Commission has offered aid of £4.8 million for a National Coal Board coal liquefaction project at Point of Ayr Colliery, North Wales, and the NCB expected to

begin construction work early in the new year, Mr David Hunt, Under Secretary of State for Energy, said

fuelling the miners' anger?

have sone to work.

dispute continues.

120 coal faces lost

or causing concern

compromise proposals. The TUC since November 5 and they are said on Friday that negotiations having an impact on the thinking, must take place between the two Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermline

parties concerned. However, one party has refused to move since March and this emphasizes there will not be a regotiated settlement which is what

Mr Sydney Chapman (Chipping Barnet, C): Recognizing the intran-sigence of Mr Scargill and also the understandable fear that there will be no other jobs if a pit closes in the mining communities, could be report progress on the enterprise company set up to encourage alternative industries in uneconomic mining areas?

Mr Walker: The company was set up with the initial capital of £5 million immediately. There were a substantial number of inquiries and I immediately agreed to double the capital. The Government informed the NCB that it was prepared to finance an expansion of their activities on this important work. Mr Gavis Strang (Edinburgh East, Lab): Why not facilitate nego-tiations without pre-conditions between the NUM and NCB? Is it

not clear that the Government is more concerned to try and inflict defeat on the NUM as part of its asseult on the trade union movement rather than secure a negotiated

Mr Walker: There has been nothing from the TUC and the Labour Party in criticism of the Acas compromise proposal. It is time they persuaded Mr Scargill to accept it. Mr John Hannam (Exeter, C) said

the dispute was rapidly becoming one more about the NUM president than the miners. Mr Walker should commiserate with the TUC which found itself having to negotiate on behalf of a union which refused to budge one inch towards a settle-Mr Walker said he could under-

stand the TUC's problems. He was sure from his talks with the TUC that they were anxious that there should be a negotiated settlement as speedily as possible.

He had told union leaders at the

Friday talks that there was virtually no other union in the country with an offer available to it as generous as hat made to the miners. Mr Jan Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP) said the only people who would change the views of the NUM leadership were the union members and the NUM executive.

Mr Walker: Some 16,500 union members have returned to work

Nearly £500 million worth of

investment in the coal industry will have been lost if the miners' strike

continues to the end of March. This

was the real damage in the dispute.
Mr David Hunt, Under Secretary of
State for Energy, told the Commons
during exchanges on vandalism
against National Coal Board

property.
Mr Hunt said be deplored the malicious acts of vandalism which were being carried out against NCB property during the strike. They could only damage further the prospects for the industry.

Mr Piers Merchant (Newcastle upon Tyne, Central, C): Would Mr Hunt encourage Mr Jas Mac-

Institute disciplinary proceedings against those miners found guilty of

Mr Hunt: Since the beginning of the dispute there have been about 450 dismissals of employees by the NCB. These include a significant number for offences associated with sandalism.

vanualism.

There can be no possible excuse for cassing wilful damage to an industry which at the start of this pointless strike had such great

potential.

Mr Allen McKay (Barusley West and Penistone, Lab): Would he suggest to Mr MacGregor that since after seven meetings be has found himself incapable of getting a successful conclusion to this dispute

Mr Hunt: There has been in the

participation with a private sector company which would enable release of the £2.5 million of the department's contribution, which

had already been substantial in the

VANDALISM

Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermline West. Lab't If we take it that his view accords with the TUC view that the only people who will settle the strike are the NUM and the coal board, what deters him from using his good offices to bring these parties together in the foresecable future, because this is a mad strike which must be solved around the the board start to manage? table and not by attrition.

Mr Walker: The two sides have

met seven times, once under the auspices not of a Tory politician but



set deadline

under Acas, who put forward a compromise plan which the NUM leadership refused. Likewise the leadership of the union has always refused to put the terms on offer to the miners in a

Mir Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab): For over a year since the overtime ban started Mr Walker has come here week after week to tell us that the strike is crumbling. Mr Walker has misled the House and the country and has deceived himself.

His own policy (he continued) is in a shambles (Conservative laughter) and the only conclusion which can be drawn from his refusal to encourage talks is that he and the Cabinet wish the strike to continue. That is the conclusion most miners Mr Walker: Fortunately the conclusion most miners have drawn

about Mr Benn is that his rhetoric during the dispute is different from his record as Secretary of State. On disputes crumbling. I recall it was Mr Benn who told me that coal movements would stop in April, since when 25 million tonnes have

course of this dispute just one conciliation proposal from Acas. After careful consideration that was

accepted by Mr MacGregor but rejected by Mr Scargill.

Sir Kenneth Lewis (Stamford and

Spaiding, C): In all the many speeches Mr Scargill has made, he

has made not one statement arging his members not to vandalize their

plant and tools. When they go back to work this will be to their

Mr Hunt: This strike has been characterized by the unhelpful remarks of Mr Scargill, of which perhaps the most unhelpful was made today. He now calls for all forms of industrial action on a massive scale in support of the

massive scale in support of the miners. He will receive the same sort of raspherry to that ridiculous and irresponsible notion as he has

The real damage in this dispute and the real financial cost (be added

later) has been in the tragic situation over investment. It now looks as if this industrial action, if it continues to the end of March, will mean a

reduction in investment spending of nearly £500 million.

Mr Alex Eadle, an Opposition

spokesman on energy: If and when hir Walker, the Secretary of State, meets Mr MacGregor will be ask

why he only seems to come to life when a more is on to try to resolve

It is vandalism for the chairman

of the NCB to make statements on

the TUC to suggest there is no prospect of the strike ending. It must surely be unparallelled for a Cabinet

minister to bave his authority

nunester to have his authority undermined in this way."
It is time Mr MacGregor was asked to go. He has done too much damage already.

Mr Hunt: Mr MacGregor has

been the first chairman of the NCB to offer what is undoubtedly the most generous offer that the miners have had since nationalization.

There has not been one MP who has said it was reasonable for Mr Scargill to stick his irresponsible demand that no pit should be closed

however uneconomic while there is still an ounce of coal left in it.

No possible excuse

for wilful damage

taxpayers were paying the bills for this senseless strike. They had the right to demand that the board should do what every other private and public enterprise would have had to do by now to contain these losses - announce a deadline for a return to work after which the generous guarantee of a job would no longer be available. When would

A full review of arrangements for the supervision of banks is to be carried out following the rescue operation of Johnson Matthey Bankers, Mr Nigel Lawson, Chan-tellor of the Exchequer, announced in a statement to the Commons. He Mr Walker: Coal is one of our most important resources. The industry has a sound and expanding future. said that the Banking Act 1979, which provides the framework of He hoped those concerned with the industry's future would want to included in the review. move back to the potentiality of high investment and good pro-duction. He did not want to do anything to damage that prospect. that, having considered with the Bank of England the events leading up to the rescue operation by the Bank on October I, it was clear that Mr Peter Hardy (Wentworth, Lab): the case raised important issues about present banking supervision procedures and the legislative framework within which superto occupy his office, not least because of the pessimistic statement he made when Mr Walker met the vision was conducted.

trade unions last week.
It is time for Mr Walker to have a further negotiation to achieve a negotiated settlement and suggest to Mr MacGregor that now is the time for an end to the visits to Hobart House by emissaries from the Conservative Party.

Mr Walker replied that the chairman had been through seven lots of negotiations and had accepted the Acas compromise. He had reached the settlement with Negotia to probably could accuse Mr. Nacods, so nobody could accuse Mr MacGregor of inflexibility. One could understand his being pessi-Mr Stanley Orme, Cheif Opposition

spokesman on energy: Why did Mr Walker not respond to the TUC? with the accountancey report and the London Business School the basis of uneconomic pits has been challenged. Therefore a basis exists for talks to be resumed. Why does not Mr Walker play a

why does not Mr wanter play a role in seeing these talks take place instead of waiting another three of four weeks before anything hap-pens? Mr Walker: The TUC started the talks quite correctly saying they were in no postition to negotiate and we exchanged views on their

The TUC's problem was they did The TUC's problem was they did not consider anybody could back down before negotiations and therefore it was wrong to suggest the NUM should in any way move before the negotiations. I had to point out to the TUC representatives that there had been seven negotiations at none of which had Mr Scargill backed down.

Why Britain's

merchant fleet

is declining

If the British merchant fleet continued to decline at its present

rate of two ships per week it might

he reduced to a couple of cruis

ships and ferries by the end of the decade. Mr Michael Calvin (Rom-

sev and Waterside. C) said in the Commons when introducing a debate on the problems of the shipping industry asking the Government to state its policies for

helping the industry improve its international competitive position.

hility of trading fairly in a market no longer governed by economics alone. Britain's competitors would

many ships were chasing too little

cargo.
It was a case of Britain playing cricket while the rest of the world played karate.
The market in which British

shipowners had to compete was a very inhospitable and unfair one and no self-imposed handicaps

could be afforded.

The fiscal policies and tax

regimes in Britain were an incentive to foreigners to "fly in" but now it

was quite the reverse. In his last Budget, the Chancellor did his best to torpedo what was left of the British fleet.

Sir Paul Bryan (Boothferry, C) said

Britain was losing ships at a greater speed than it did at the height of the Second World War. They were not

Second World War. They were not the victims of torpedoes but of ever-increasing costs: competition and subsidized shipbuilding. British shipping was discrimi-nated against because it did not enjoy government help such as regional aid or enterprise zone

Mr Roger Stott, for the Opposition (Wigan, Lab), a former able-sca-man, said that since he joined the

Marchant Navy 20 years ago there had been a terrible demise of shipbuilding, shipping, and ports policy. There had been singularly little action coming from this Government to counter this demise.

status.

do anything to survive when

SHIPPING

Owen: What is the Chancellor's involvement?

message will be blandly reassuring but the nature of the statement and the fact that he needed to make it will intensify rather than allay fears.
Why had it taken him two months to make the statement? Does he support the view that the Bank should virtually have nationalized Johnson Matthey at 9.30 one Sunday evening? Would the review include a

thorough-going examination of the 1979 Act, specifically the problems of early warning and whether the Bank and the Government could be

New Trident

estimate in

The right to object to jurors

New Year The Trident missile programme represented good value for money and without if this country would be out of the nuclear deterrent business altogether within a decade, Lord Trefgarne, Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, said in answering criticism during question time in the House of Lords of the escalating costs of the project. Lords.

During a question on steps the

Lord Brace-Gardyne (C) asked: What is the Government's latest estimate of the current sterling cost of acquiring the Trident missile Lord Trefgarne: The Trident system

is currently being reviewed as part of the annual recosting of the defence programme. The Secretary of State for Defence. Mr Michael Heseltine, hopes to be able to announce a revised estimate early in the New Year. Lord Bruce-Gardyne: It is already

apparent the estimate is likely to be at least double the original cost. Is it given when this expensive project was embarked upon, that it would have no impact in squeezing the other programmes in the defence budget is no longer sustainable? Lord Trefgarne: No.

supervising banks time about an impending collapse. and whether the quasi-voluntary system was sufficient or matutory provision was needed.

Were the activities of Price Watehouse spreading too widely across the United Kingdom? Were Arthur Young McClefland Moores and Co. the accountants who had given the company a clean bill of health as recently as the middle of June. Hitely to be investigated by the standards body at the confession.

of their profession. The Governor of the Bank of In his statement, Mr Lawson said England is on record (he said) as saying that institutions should stand or fall according to their own performance. Does that apply to companies within the City of London or only to manufacturing industries, allowed by the Govern-ment to fall and thereby cause large numbers to be unemployed.

Mr Lawson: As to whether there will be a thorough-going examination of the labour 1979 Act, yes. Many of its provisions will be at the heart of the inquiry. I do not want to prejude the results but it may be necessary

the testins but it may be seemly to introduce amendments.

Price Waterhouse have fittle, if anything to do with the case. The auditors are Arthur Young and the question of the relationship of auditors in this matter and in account the relationship interests. Issues to which particular attention will be given are the relationship between auditors and supervisors: staff experience and training the handling of concen-trations of risk and the assessment general the relationship between auditors of banks and the supervisof quality of assets; notification and the collection of statistics; and the adequacy and deployment of staff resources in the Banking Superory authority are germane to this rision Department.

The review will also consider

inquiry.

The shareholders of the Johnson Matthey parent company had lost three quarters of their money - £750 million and the top management of Johnson Matthey from the Chairman down, had been obliged to whether a more effective framework is required than that provided by the 1979 Banking Act. I shall inform the House as early as possible of the results of the

resign.
As to why it had taken so long to come to a considered judgement on the best way to look at barking supervision. Mr Hattersley had not asked a single question until the announcement had been made.

Mr Lawson told Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C) that the inquiry would be completed as soon as possible, but it was difficult to say how long it would take. It would go into matters of great confidentiality between banks and clients.

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP: This is not satisfactory. There is contingent liability to public funds of £75 million. It started with no liability then sum to £10 million. iability; then went to £10 million. Many of us wonder whether it will go above £75 million. Can be confirm that public money is involved because of loss of dividends from the banking department to the Treasury.
On the extent of Mr Lawson's

own involvement. He told me in a letter that it was entirely for the Governor of the Bank of England, but the Governor told me that he had been consulted at all stages.

I gather that Sir Peter Middleto

(Permanent Secretary: Treasury) was heavily involved at the early stages, and the Chancellor insisted that no public money should be involved. These are serious matters and disturbing events for the City of London. The Chancellor had been

Mr Lawson: So far from being complacent. I have shown myself very concerned about what appears to me to be positive weaknesses in the banking system which go far beyond the matter which have brought them to light.

The resources concerned were the own resources of the Bank of England.

questioned

Was it not time to consider the future of the right by lawyers to challenge potential jurors in view of the methods adopted by some the methods adopted by some counsel as revealed in a letter to The Times, Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, asked at question time in the House of

Government was taking to streng then public confidence in the criminal justice system, he asked: In view of the letter in The Times today which showed some defence counsel habitually challenge any potential juror who happens to be in a pin-stripe suit, or who looks intelligent, or who is wearing a collar and tie, is it not time to consider abolition of the right of the pre-emptory challenge? Mr Elton, Minister of State: Home

Office: I would be very foolish to answer that question in any definitive manner.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Estimates on industrial support. Lords (2.30): Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill, third reading. Elections (Northern Irereading. Elections (Normalized Partial Partial

Ethics code sought to halt leaks By David Walker

Social Policy Correspondent A senior management con-sultant has proposed a new code of conduct for civil servants, outlawing leaking to the Press but allowing officials to refuse orders from politicians if they

Mr Sandy Grey of Hay-MSL, the consultants, said yesterday that effective management in Whitehall depended on a written code of conduct for civil servants supported by penalties. Writing in Hay's journal,

Management Matters, he said: The code would play a similar role in the public sector to that of the profit yardstick in the private sector, though even there many successful com-panies have found it necessary to make their managers comply with a written ethic code as well."

Mr Grey said the civil servant's first obligation was to the truth, then to the law and the constitution, to the customers of the services his department provided and only then to the management hiararchy, meaning ministers and politician.

Review of rules for

Geoffrey Smith

Que can hardly open a newspaper these days with ng 201065 2 ministerial assurance that income tax is to be cut in the Budget. Nins Thatcher added her voice to this authoritative chorus when she gave her Christmas address to Conservative backbenchers

Tax cuts have become the centrepiece of the Govern-ment's economic strategy. That is why such strenuous efforts have been made to held down public expenditure. But it is a strategy that is not without its critics in Conservative ranks, let alone the other parties, who believe that the money would be better spent in direct public

Which would be the swifter and surer way to provide more jobs is disputed by economists. But what of the politics of the choice. One of the tenets of Thatcherism has always been that there is public rehaving to pay such high taxes. Is this still true?

To imply that the British people have come to love their taxes would be absurd. But the evidence suggests that this complaint is no longer top of the agenda. There is more general zaxiety over menn ment, and more specific anguish over particular spending

Preference grows for services

An indication of how opinion has moved is provided by the answers to a question asked by Galiup at intervals over the past four years. In October 1979, five months after Mrs Thatcher came to power, the country was almost evenly divided over whether it would be better to extend such services as heath, education and welfare, even if this meant some increase in taxes: 44 per cent favoured this course, while 20 per cent preffered to cut taxes and 26 per cent wanted to leave things as they were.

The question was put again the following month, in March 1981, in May this year and again in an as yet unpublished poll conducted last month. On . every occasion, with the excep-tion of November 1979, there has been an increase in the number wanting to extend the social services and a decline in the number preffering to cut

taxes. percentage wanting to extend services had risen to 58, with 24 per cent thinking it better to leave things as they are and only 12 per cent giving priority to tax cuts.

One most always be careful with opinion polls not to read more into the answers than is there. A preference for another course of action does not mean . that tax cuts will be uppopular when they come. One might rather have a record than a book for Christmas, but still very much enjoy reading the

Those hurt likely to switch votes

Even if public opinion were firmly opposed to tax cuts, this would not be a conclusive argument against them. Economic strategy is one of the areas of government policy that is least suited to rule by referendum. In going for tax cuts the Chancellor will be pursuing an economic doctrine; not seeking instant popularity:

But the logic of these polls confirms the conclusions to be drawn from more subjective. seems to be such a widespread clamour for lower taxes that the cries of joy when reductions are announced will drown the squeals of pain over spending. hurt by spending cuts will : probably be more likely to reason than those who are pleased by tax reductions.

Nor will tax cuts be considered an adequate substitute for failing to tackle unemploy-ment. The Government, of course, does not accept that this is the choice. It believes that lower taxes are the best way to stimulate the economy and so to provide secure jobs. The political test of the Government's strategy will be " whether that economic judgement is well founded.

There is here a problem of timing. I have no doubt that the social attitudes engendered in a low-tax society are conducive to greater enterprise and economic growth. But whether changes in the level of taxation can transform social attitudes quickly enough to improve economic performance by the next election is more doubtful. Yet that is the yardstick by which the political wisdom of the policy will be measured.

design stage. This was an important project and completion of the NCB contract with the EEC would trigger the start of during Commons questions. The NCB was discussing terms of

EEC aid for liquefaction

Redditch assets attract US group

Executives from the Harbison group, an American property consortium, visited Redditch in the West Midlands last week to outline their plans to the borough council in attempt to buy many of the new town's industrial and commercial property assets being sold by the development corporation.

The visit renewed fears that Redditch, whose shopping centre is to pass into private hands, could become a "company town".

Harbison is one of two groups reduced from a short list of five interested in buying a large slice of Redditch. The other is led by Tarmac.

The property amounts to at least 20 per cent of the new town's assets. For Mr Norman More, managing director of Redditch Development Corporation, this interest, from the United States as well as Britain. shows great confidence in the future of Redditch.

It is most unlikely, however, that the Department of the Environment will allow such a

Mr More is proud of the development corporation's us".
achievements since Redditch Mr More believed the devel-

As the new towns approach privatization, they face decisions on the sale of their assets and their local authorities await the transfer of other assets. CHRISTOPHER WARMAN, Property Correspon-

1964 during a recession when Royal Enfield and other large companies went out of business. One of our first tasks was to rescue what we could. We have had to run like mad ever since to provide jobs", he said. One worry about the new

town development corporations had been their undemocratic structure, but Mr More believed that, rather than leading it to make decisions against the public interest, it had been able to be more responsive to people's needs because ot its uncluttered planning powers. "Coming to a town of 30,000 people, not a green field, we had to move carefully, and the fact that we salvaged jobs from the economic difficulties we met helped to give confidence generally. I believe we have carried the people with us. It seems they do love us, because they are now a bit wormed

about life in the future without was designated a new town in opment of Redditch could not development would not take

dent. looks at Redditch and Basildon. have taken place without a body such as the corporation. "The local authority did not

have the resources or the expertise," he said.

Basildon, Essex is a first generation new town with some the character of third generation town, in that is is still developing, with about £200 million of contemporary investment, including plans for what could be the largest covered shopping centre in Europe.

The corporation inherited 60 miles of unmade roads and 7.000 substandard homes. "We made 10,000 compulsory purchase orders, and it is extremely unlikely that a town of 100,000 would have been created with normal local authority powers which are democratic, but slow." a corporation spokesman

Mr Robin Mitchinson, town manager of Basildon District Council, agreed. "My strong view is that this sort of

place without a development corporation, which has important powers, no annual elections,

no change of policy. "The concept has been much decried, but has proved to be a very important mechanism for large scale public develop-Because of their non-demo-

cratic structure, he believed development corporations leant over backwards in public consultation. The council's two members on the corporation board made their views felt very strongly.

"It was not always so," he said. "In the 1950s there was undeclared war until Bob Mellish came and banged a few heads together."

The main difficulty was

agreeing terms over the transfer

of housing and community assets. The district council should have taken over housing in 1978, but declined. The problem remained because the council feared it would now involve a cost of £1.5 million. As a rate capped authority, it was not willing to add to its burden and is

Tomorrow: Can the commission

negotiating, with the Depart-

ment of the Environment.



Noble design: The one-ounce platinum noble coin to be minted for the Isle of Man. It will be the first coin in 1985 to bear the new effigy of the Queen.

Expand Heathrow, not 'Stansted', says Essex

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor Last week's report urging airport expansion at Stanste d

was strongly attacked yesterday by Essex County Council, Heathrow should be expanded instead to cope with future traffic growth, the council said. Mr Ron Williams, the council's chairman, said: "We have always made it quite clear that we wish to see limited growth at Stanste d within the existing airport's limits, and the inspector's proposals that it should be expanded to take 15 million and

"The right place for airport growth on this scale is Heathrow, and we shall now be urging

the Government to accept the proposals for a fifth terminal at Heathrow, and to reject the proposals for a major expansion at Stanstead." Backing for Heathrow expansion also came from British Airways, Mr Colin Marshal

BA's chief executive, reiterated the airline's view that the concentration of growth at Heathrow, rather than Stansthen 25 million passengers a te d, would be in the interests year are wholly unacceptable to of both passengers and the airline industry.

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Warsaw tries to placate party diehards with tough line on Solidarity

The Polish authorities have ignalled that they will maintain hardline attitude towards the Washington's decision to lift one of its economic sanctions against the Jarazelski Govern-

The large display of police force and the breaking up of a demonstration in Gdansk on Sunday were apparently authorized by the provincial Governor. General Mieczyslaw ygan, clearly with the approval Warsaw,

Water cannon was used in sub-zero temperatures, flares cracked through the sky and the Zemo riot police were not shy

In return, the Solidarity demonstrators, wanting to lay flowers: at a monument to commemorate workers shot down 14 years ago, shouted and threw stones. At least, one important Solidarity figure, Mr Andrzej Gwiazda, was still in custody yesterday, the charge

Friends of the former deputy chairman of Solidarity said that

he was being put before a it be known that it was magistrate's court in Gdansk withdrawing its opposition to Sunday's demonstration. Some diplomats here argue hat the action against the

Solidarity protesters was symholic, sending a message to the hardliners in the Communist Party's Central Committee which is due to meet on Friday. The session will discuss the economy but it is also expected to hear a property of the session. to hear a report on party control of the security services, a report that was commissioned after the murder of Father Jerzy Popieluszko by secret policemen.

It is an unwritten rule in Polish Communist Party politics that any open criticism of the police must be accompanied by a sign that the Government is not going soft on enemies of socialism." Whether symbolic or not, the

fough response to what was intended to be a mild mannered demonstration, has confused

and could receive a two-month Polish membership of the authorities International Monetary Fund accused him of organizing (IMF). That was intended as a reward for the freeing of the two most important remaining pol-itical prisoners, Mr Bogdan Lis and Mr Piotr Micrzewski, both accused of treason. Now much depends on whether the Polish authorities will revoke the amnesty granted to Mr Gwiazda, creating yet another import-ant political prisoner.

> rallies were treated mildly or even ignored by the authorities, Near the Wujek colliery in Silesia - where nine miners were killed by police after the imposition of martial law exactly three years ago yesterday - some leading Solidarity activists laid flowers at a plaque reading: "To the miners from Wujek killed in the struggle for national freedom, social justice and at their work places."

unveiled in a church to the the process of lifting sanctions, memory of Father Popieluszko In a leak over the weekend, the but again without the inter-Reagan Administration had let ference of the authorities.

Sweeping a path for Thatcher



with brooms yesterday outside the Great Hall of the People in Peking, in preparation for the visit of Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who arrives this evening to sign the Sino-British agreement on Hong Kong.

When she flies in, the Prime Minister will find a Peking blanketed in two to three inches of snow and swept by cold winds from Siberia.

Her champagne reception will be in

marked contrast with the frosty atmosphere when she launched the

talks on Hong Kong's future She slipped and fell on the steps of the Great Hall after an icy meeting with the Chinese leader Mr Deng Xiaoping, who has seen it as his personal mission to recover Hong

Nicaragua are circulating in the

State Department, the White House, the Pentagon and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr Shultz said last month

that he knew of no plans to

laterdict arms shipments to

Nicaragua or to undertake

other military and diplomatic

initiatives to slow such ship-

long been a serious option. The

manoeuvres in Honduras and

navy manoeuvres off Central

America last year served as a

dress rehearsal. Further exer-

cises are contemplated in 1985.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the

Defence Secretary, said: The fact is that the Soviets are

supplying a great deal of heavy

offensive arms to Nicara-gua... The US is prepared for

a great number of contingencies

that may have to be taken."

Behind all the public postur-

ing. Nicaragua and the United States have been talking

privately for several months in

a secretive atmosphere in Manzanillo, Mexico. It has

seemed a strange spectacle: the

two sides have met nine times

this year, each time emerging

with smiles, then heading off silently to their respective

The last session was last

week and it adjourned without

any apparent substantive pro-

gress. Another session is

military

Heart man gets out of bed

Schroeder, the recent recipient of an artificial heart, got out of Reagan to appeal for bed for the first time since suffering a stroke four days ago, but was in a worrisome condition, the director of the Humana Heart Institute in this Kentucky city said.
Dr Allan Lansing said that

Mr Schroeder sat in a chair for about an hour and talked with members of his family, but he showed signs of deep apathy.
"He doesn't seem to be very interested in talking".

Human wall halts dam

Vienna (Reuter) - Thousands of demonstrators, forming human wall, prevented site clearance work for a hydro-clectric power plant near Hainburg only hours after the work had started, an Interior Ministry spokesman said.

living wall around the clearing site and work had to stop. Otherwise many people would have been injured." he said. adding that police were told not

Rebel Vietnam Mr Shultz and Mr Weinarchbishop dies berger: Differences of

Ngo-Dinh Thuc, the excommunicated former Archbishop of the late South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem, has died in the United States. The Vatican, announcing his

death also said that the Pope had pardoned Ngo, aged 87, after the former archbishop wrote a letter to him on July 11 retracting all my previous

Mintoff hailed

Moscow (Reuter) The Mal-tese Prime Minister, Mr Dom Mintoff, was given a red-carpet welcome when he arrived here for a visit. The Soviet Prime Minister Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, and the Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko greeted him at

Lightning toll

Harare (AFP) - After five more deaths from lightning, the government-controlled Harare Herald labelled the toll a "national scandal" and demanded a public awareness campaign on safety procedures. This year's storm season deaths total 60.

Tokyo quake

Tokyo (AP) - An earthquake measuring three on the Japanese scale of seven hit Tokyo last night, but there were no reports of damage. Buildings were joited sharply and rocked

Berlin blaze

Berlin (AP) - A yuletide wreath that caught fire is being blamed for a blaze in an East Berlin apartment that killed two and injured eight. It was of a type popular in Germany which

Algiers (AFP) - President Erich Honecker of East Germany arrived for an official three-day visit to Algeria. It will include talks with President Chadli Benjedid.

Ouins blow Berlin (AP) - Three boys and

two girls were born to a West Berlin woman over the weekend, but two, a boy and a girl, died later. Their weights ranged from 11b 14oz to 2lb 3oz.

ishermen recently hauled in econd World War mustard gas bombs while trawling in the Baltic near the island of

Paris (Reuter) - Burglars who broke into the Paris home of the conturier. Pierre Cardin, got away with about £15,000.

Scrap star wars, say scientists

From Alan McGregor Geneva

Prospects for controlling nuclear weapons arising from the Shultz-Gromyko talks here next month will be scuttled if the United States pursues its "Star Wars" project beyond the present stage of basic research.

This was the unanimous view at a two-day meeting here of the Pugwash organization, attended by scientists, public and military figures from 18 countries. to assess the new opportunity for nuclear arms control.

There must be no further weaponization of space," the

Professor John Holdren of the University of California, Berkeley, who is president of the Federation of American Scientists, said: "To press on with the star wars project would rip the lid of constraints off the whole spectrum of nuclear weapons. The majority of scientists, including those ensaged in aero-space research and development, say in private that there is essentially no hope this technology will develop in about into actual defence of populations against nuclear attacks."

 MOSCOW: Mr Yure Zhulegal trace of arrays. whether with the kov. a senior Soviet commentator, yesterday questioned whether the US was going into the forthcoming Geneva arms talks with sincere intentions Same of the Re

(Reuter reports).

Writing in the Communist Party daily *Pravda*, Mr Zhukov said the discussions due to take KANAN MATERIAL place next month offered Washington a chance to prove 1000年 its peaceful intentions with concrete actions. But he cited recent statements by senior US officials as evience that the Reagan Administration was bent on pursuing its former course "to achieve military superiority at any price in order to rule the planet.

 VIENNA: A Soviet diplo mat here yesterday rebutted American claims that Moscow has built up nuclear weapons The said they were merely

superiority (Reuter reports).

The US Administration goes to all lenghts to prove that goes to all lenghts to prove that the US is lagging behind the Sovet Union in this area. It is not correct, "Mr Oleg Khlestov, Soviet Ambassador to the Soviet Will pice a decision to the Soviet Will pice a decision to the Soviet Will pice a decision the Soviet Will pice a decision to the Soviet Will pice will pice will pice a decision to the So United Nations in Vienna, told

Other demonstrations or

in Lodz, a plaque

Mitterrand's global view

French rule out force against Libyans

would never accept the "politi-cal amputation" of Chad, President Mitterrand has made it clear that he has no intention of using force to drive the Libyans from the north of the country. Critics maintain that this means a de facto division of

in a tour d'horizon of his foreign policy on television on Sunday night, halfway through seven-year Presidential Mitterrand also touched on the situation in New Caledonia. He launched a surprisingly sharp attack on Australia, which has been critical of France's handling of the explosive situation in the "If there is no longer a

problem over the indigenous Aborigines in Australia ... it is because they have been killed," he said. "That is not the path chosen by France. That is why France is so respected and held in such high esteem in its former colonies.

Bank's safe

in the bin

Nice (AFP) - Two bank

officials, worried about a holdup, used different hiding

places each day to protect at

least part of the bank's cash.

One day, they used a waste-paper basket to hide 100,000 francs (£8,000) which was then

A Nice Labour Relations

court was told that recently

the bank's cooks disclosed a loss of 100,000 francs. The

deputry manager remembered

that this was the exact amount

he decided should be hidden in

which has not been named.

demoted the denuty manager

and penalized the cashier. Both

The court will give a decision

The head office of the bank,

burnt in an incinerator.

a wastepaper basket.

deposit –

While insisting that France President Mitterrand's increasing penchant for one-man secret diplomacy, has been largely responsible for the partial collapse of the traditional national consensus on foreign

Opinion is divided over whether M Mitterrand succeedng in dispelling any doubts over his foreign policy during his one-hour interview. A third of the programme was devoted to Chad. While M Mitterrand admitted there were still Libyan troops in the north of the country, he claimed they were not "offensive". The French Army had nothing to do in the north, which was simply a desert with a few oases and a couple of hundred thousand

French soldiers must not go into the north unless a new situation is created." he said. If arrangements". The French two to three hours with aircraft, protect their independence.

son, then Foreign Minister, at the time of the signing last September of the agreement with Libya, for the mutual withdrawal of French and Libyan troops from Chad: "If they go, we go. If they stay, we stay, if they return, we return."

The French troops have gone, and the Libyans have returned. France's intention of restoring Chad's territorial integrity has been reduced to containing the Libyans above the 16th parallel which divides the rebel-held north from the Governmentcontrolled south.

The Chad affair has severely shaken the confidence of France's friends in francophone Africa, Despite M Mitterrand's promise at the Franco-African summit in Bujumbura last week the situation did change. France that "no act of aggression (in had made the "necessary Africa) will be tolerated", many Africa) will be tolerated, many are now left wondering how far Army could intervene within they can rely on France to

The Government's handling and with land forces within a of Chad and New Caledonia, day.

The Government's handling and with land forces within a of Africa." M Mitterrand insisted coupled with what is seen as M Mitterrand declined to on Sunday night. "My desire is

comment on the now famous to succeed in liberating Chad promise by M Claude Cheys- through constant pressure, by the means that I choose and not those that others wish to impose

> M Mitterrand revealed that the civil war in the south of the country was causing problems for the French expatriates living there. "The French, considered allies of the Ndjamena Government have become so unpopular that it has become necessary to protect them. I have now taken measures to protect the French population and other friends of France On the broader question of

North-South relations in general. M Mitterrand said that France was in the forefront of nations giving aid to the South. He maintained that France was the most popular, the best understood, and the best-liked country" in the Third World".

Turning to East-West re-lations, M Mitterrand made clear his desire to strengthen Franco-Soviet ties. "I believe that France should have an active relationship of friendship or, if not, of mutual respect with the Soviet Union"

President Reagan has ex-

increase in total financial assistance to more than \$4 Despite claims in Jerusalem

Reagan Administration disappointment

taken to include three leading economists in the Israeli delegation. Their job will be to explain the dire economic conditions to the Americans. The meeting comes at a bad time for Israel as it coincides

afraid that US plans to freeze spending across the board. including foreign aid, may now be under consideration in Washington.

more Contras funds From Christopher Thomas, Washington the embarrassing Administration fiasco of the non existent MiG officials say that various proposals for increased diplomatic and military pressure on

fighters in Nicaragua, the Reagan Administration is div-ided and confused about the direction of its psychological war against the Sandinista Government.
President Reagan said in an interview published yesterday

that Congress had been irresponsible to cut off US aid to the Nicaraguan guerrillas. He told Human Erents, a conservative weekly, that he planned to make a television broadcast to appeal for the resumption of the funds. The White House said last night that no arragnements for a broadcast had yet been made.

The drama of the MiG fighters, which was allowed to anfold with heightened expectations on each night's television news last mouth, was a serious propaganda disaster. The freighter, Bakuriani, sailed home to the Black Sea without depositing a single Russian

The bangled episode demonstrated the lack of agreement on how to discredit and e the Sandinistas Several ideas are being con-sidered but the option of a full invasion is not on the table, despite all the Administration's hints and innuendoes to the contrary. The strategy, simply, is to keep up the pressure by publicly holding out the possib-

liltiy of military intervention. There are contradictory strands to the handling of the Niceragua question. While Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, has visited Managua and talked of America's commitment to a peaceful solution, the Administration has been happily encouraging the increasing flow of private funds to anti-Sandinista rebels operating across the border.

private effort to help the rebels. who no longer receive public aid. He said he would be inclined not to want to interfere with them. At the same time, he has voiced support for the peace process of the Contadora nations - Panama, Venezuela,

Two Lebanon villages put

The new clampdown follows last week's action in seven villages in which, according to United Nations sources, a total of five Lebanese civilians died.

Tel Aviv bus in rush-hour grenade attack

Jerusalem - Three people were injured in Tel Aviv during last night's rush hour when a hand grenade was thrown over a wall at a bus near the central market (Christopher Walker writes.) The injured were taken to

hospital, and first reports on Israel radio said their wounds were slight. A huge police operation was launched in the area, and streets were sealed offf. Police sources said it was assumed that the attack was carried out by "terrorists".

In recent months, buses have become a popular target for attacks by Arab and Jewish extremists both in Israel itself and in the occupied territories. There were fears that last night's

Split Peronists face destruction congressmen and provincial the other are most of the

From Douglas Tweedale **Buenos Aires**

A leadership struggle in its national congress has split Argentina's Peronist Party down the middle and raised the spectre of dissolution for the once-dominant movement cre-

ated by General Juan Perón. The "official" faction of the Peronist National Congress, the party's governing body, went ahead with the election of new party authorities on Sunday night, despite a walkout by more than half the delegates on Saturday.

The dissident delegates, who

comprise most of the Peronist

province of Tucuman. the split as the most serious in

and not an ideological division.
On one side is the "official" faction led by Señor Lorenzo politics Miguel, a controversial union leader, and Señor Herminio Iglesias, the populist Buenos Aires province Caudillo (leader), which controls the still

leaders, denounced the congress Peronist senators and deputies, as illegitimate and called for a as well as most of the provincial new congress to be held on leaders, who want a renovation On Sunday. Schor Igesias and

president of the party founded by her late husband. Señora Peron has virtually retired from Señor Miguel, was elected to

powerful party apparatus. On Peronist secretary-general.

EEC pullout wrangles give Greenland the blues From Ian Murray, Brussels

Greenland is finding it as of words has to be found to give difficult to leave the EEC as Greenland the independence from the EEC that it wants. it to join. That, at least, was even though legally it cannot yet clear in Brussels yesterday when leave. This problem will be foreign ministers from the studied tomorrow by fisheries Community locked in argument on the two issues.

Greenland is due to server its existing links with the Community from the start of next year. Spain and Portugal still hape to join by the start of 1986. But the legal and financial problems from large.
In order for Greenland to leave, it is necessary for every one of the 10 national parlia-

ments to ratify its departure.

That cannot now happen since not all countries will have

passed the necessary legislation

by the new year. Britain is one of the few so far to have done ministers in Brussels, before it running when he drew the 33rd is referred on the diplomants for a final drafting. One further important prob-

lem for the Greenlanders is that their promised £15.6 million "going away present" from the Community has been frozen because the European Parlia-ment threw out the 1985 budget Meanwhile nogotiations with

Spain and Portugal have been making little progress. There is some hope that agreement in principle may be reached today on how to phase the Spanish steel industry into the Community, and there could also be decisive progress on the re-In consequence a legal form moval of trade tarrifs.

Lorries blockade border

Geneva. (AP) - About 30 Basic and Geneva beginning at iorries as French and Swiss them.

Cars were forced to slow their larries down and drive in "slatom" to swiss road tax.

Drivers parked their larries were delayed up to 2½ hours in the first of checkpoints along the 135-mile stretch between the control of the c checkpoints along the French-midnight. Many other lorries swiss border were blocked to were unable to manoeuvre past lorries as French and Swiss them.

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Greek ship hit in third Gulf attack Bahrain (Reuter) - A Greek

Vatican visitor: Major Abdul Salam Jalloud, Libya's

number 2, being greeted by the Pope at the Vatican yesterday. He had a 36-minute audience, at the end of

which they exchanged gifts.

Draw after

19 moves

in Moscow

Moscow (AFP) - Gary

Kasparov kept what seems destined to be the longest world

chess championship in history

game with Anatoly Karpov, the

title-holder here yesterday. His

offer of a draw on move 20 was

accepted by the champion.
The only world champion-ship match that continued for

more games tham the one under

way, here was in 1927, when

Aleksandr Alexhin and José

Raoul Capablance of Cuba

battled for 34 games in Buenos

Aires. That Marx is due to he

equalled tomorrow, when the

Karpov-Kasparov match is to

After his win in the 32nd

game, Kasparov arrived at the

board first yesterday and re-

ceived a two-minute standing

ovation before Karpov, playing

white, came on stage. The opening was a Slav defence.

Thirtythird game

resume, with the world cham-

pion leading 5-1.

cargo ship was hit in the Gulf vesterday in the third confirmed attack on merchant vessels in the waterway in three days, shipping sources said. The sources said the 12,498-

ton Aegis Cosmic reported by radio it had been hit in a port side cargo hold. It said there were no casualties and gave its position as some 85 miles north of Bahrain and the same distance from Saudi Arabia. It was not immediately clear

whether Iran or Iraq was responsible for the attack, but some hours after the ship's emergency message, a military spokesman in Baghdad said Iraqi planes had hit a "large naval target" south of Iran's Kharg Island. The shipping sources said the Aegis Cosmic reported it was

ling "dead slow" Iraq claimed to have hit one large and one small target in the Gulf on Sunday. On Saturday it said it had hit two large targets. The only hits reported by shipping and salvage sources were on another Greek ship, the 111.688-ton tanker Ninemia which they said was hit on Saturday and again vesterday in

not taking on water, did not

need assistance and was travel-

Israel team to press for extra aid

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem A high-level delegation flew

to Washington, yesterday to press Israel's case for a big increase in American financial aid at the first meeting of the Israel-US Economic Development Group this week.

According to Israeli sources, the team, led by Mr Emmanual Sharon, director-general of the Finance Ministry, will be seeking an extra \$750 million (£625 million) in emergency economic aid for 1985, in addition to the \$2.6 billion already promised as military and economic aid.

It will also be seeking an billion for 1986.

of severe financial straits if the demands are not met, the thought unlikely to agree to such huge increases. There has Washington that the austerity measures so far carried out by Israel's Government of national unity have not been more

A last-minute decision was

with an anempt by President Reagan to find ways of reducing the large deficit in the American budget to be presented to Congress next month. Some Israeli sources are

under curfew Jerusalem - Israeli security

forces yesterday imposed cur-fews on two Shia Muslim villages in occupied southern Lebanon after the killing of a 19-year-old Israeli soldier in the region on Sunday night (Chris-

Yesterday's operation co-

incided with the opening of the tenth session of the Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal talks in the southern Lebanese village of Naqoura. The Lebanese delegation complained strongly about last week's Israeli action in which more than 100 attack might provoke futher people were detained.

February 2 in the northwestern of the party leadership. Peronsist leaders described Senor Miguel's faction had its way, re-electing ex-president Isabel Peron as the symbolic the party's history, but said it was principally a power struggle

> the key post of first vice-presi-dent, while Senor Miguel was named second vice-president. and Señor Iglesias became the

back to the gas disaster city of Bhopal yesterday as the operation to neutralize the remaining stock of deadly methyl isocyanate (MIC) gas continued successfully (Trevor Fishlock By last night, eight of the 15 tonnes of gas, stored in an underground tank in liquid form, had been rendered into pesticide. Helicopters circled over the Union Carbide plant

People of

Bhopal

begin return

home Delhi - People began drifting

spraying water as a safety The districts around the plant were still descried, and many shops and houses elsewhere in the city stayed locked. Most of the customers at the tea and tobacco stores that remained open in the older section of the city were police and paramili-

looting.
The disaster, which killed more than 2,000 people and left 100,000 suffering the effects of exposure to MIC, has led to the postponement of the parliamen-tary election in Bhopai.

tary troops who were out in force to prevent theft and

Louisville (AFP) - William

"Demonstrators have made a

Rome (AP) - Pierre Martin

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Gandhi juggernaut rolls to victory as electors embrace Nehru dynasty

politics and history swing to the Party, she had strong support advantage of Mr Rajiv Gandhi. He has been dealt all the population, particularly the electoral trumps and his Congress Party juggernaut is rolling to victory in the world's largest election. Next week, Indian voters will place their hopes for

His inexperience, as it happens, is to his benefit. He is a political unknown, an unpainted canvas, and as such he appears to be all things to all men. He arrives with a minimum of baggage and debts and people find this exciting. He seems to offer a real prospect of change. Indians hope that their national story is at a genuine

their country into the hands of this politically unseasoned

turning point.

Had Mrs Gandhi been running in this election she would have had a struggle on her hands. She would have had to marshal all her shrewdness, her tigerish fighting ability and her unsurpassed knowledge of the labyrinth of Indian politics, to counter her own unpopu-larity among a considerable part of the population.

She would have been fighting that desire for change that is now focussed on her son. His newness and rawness are among the qualities that seem to make him the most likely agent for

At the same time, as well as being the beneficiary of this reaction, he will do well from being his mother's son. As a nuity in modern Indian history.

The idea of a dynasty has it india figure, long term leader, and shaper and controller of her comfort and stability in the

The dynamics of Indian eponymous Indira Congress prospect of another Nebru-

among large sections of

The party is exploiting this popularity to the full as it runs a campaign with saturation coverage of posters, badges and knick-knacks. Mrs Gandhi's smiling image is everywhere. Her words are quoted constantly. Her son invokes her

Opposition leader survives crash

Delhi (Reuter) - India's main opposition leader, Mr Charan Singh, aged 82, the former Prime Minister, escaped unbut when his four-seater plane crash-landed yesterday. A spokesman for his Dalit Mazdoor Kisan party said that the aircraft, chartered by the party to campaign for next week's national elections, landed on its belly at Banaras airport in northern Uttar Pradesh after its front wheel collapsed. No one was injured.

name ceaselessly as he crisscrosses the country, addressing large rallies. There are twice as many posters showing Mrs Gandhi as there are showing her

As a Nehru, bearing a great name, Mr Gandhi represents the remarkable line of conti-

managing the country.

In any case there was no credible alternative to Mrs-Gandhi when his mother was murdered. That was part of her legacy, and also, it can be argued, her disservice, to Indian

Always insecure, always de termined that power should be held firmly at the centre, she accrned power to herself, sought always to make herself unchallengeable, and cut down any regional chief or other political figure who might have challenged her. She would have argued that India needed strong leadership at the centre; But her failure to encourage the growth of political talent weakened the democratic fabric of the mighty Congress Party.

Only her son had her complete trust. His transition from the life of agreeable obscurity he once led, to the leadership of this huge country, was inevitable. There is no one in the party who is strong enough to attract the support that would make him an alternative to Mr Gandhi. The Nehrus have always been able to command much loyalty.

helping Mr Gandhi in this election. There is a grant backlash against the Sikh terrorism that came to a head this year, culminating in the Army assault on the Sikh's Golden Temple in Amritsar and the vengeance of the extremists on Mrs Gandhi.

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Zia courts female hearts and minds

tan's military ruler, yesterday completed his campaign for a referendum mandate to continue as President for a fresh

to win women's votes, assuring them that he was not so orthodox that he would want half the nation locked within: four walls just because they happened to be female.

During his mass-contact campaign, as he has called his General Zia appealed to popurole in society. There could be lar religious sentiments for no forward movement if there endorsement of his Islamization programme so that it could be told them. They responded with firmly established in the next cheers and loud slogans of

He contrasted his character Although public demon-and rule with that of his strations are banned under predecessor, the late Zulfikar martial law, his appearances in Ali Bhutto, whom he overthrew cities and towns drew large as Prime Minister in July 1977 crowds in many parts of the

lost their places on the new executive of Spain's ruling Socialist Party in a shakeup intended by the recent party

congress to put more life into it.

Ever since the Socialists won power in the 1982 general election the executive has rubber-stamped Government

Señor Felipe Gonzáles, the Prime Minister, heads the new

Islamic movement arose against Bhutto's Government.

General Zia's need to win women's votes in tomorrow's referendum became crucial in He has made a special effort the face of antagonism among emancipated, educated women towards his orthodox Islamic polices and alignment with fundamentalists, such as the Jamaat-i-Islam. Women constitute 45 per cent of the electorates of about 36 million.

President Zia assured women whirlwind tour of the country, that he recognized their vital was just one wheel in a cart, he

Three go in González party shakeup

The three ministers are Senor

Jose Maravall, Education, who

is perhaps the party's best known theoretician, Senor Carlos Solchaga, Industry, and

in a closing speech, which

was given a standing ovation, Señor Nicolas Redondo, the

Labour.

executive and personally selectirade union leader, publicly

Joaquin Almunia,

General Zia ul-Haq. Pakis- in a bloodless coup after a huge North-west Frontier province and the Punjab, according to television coverage.

In Sind the people seemed subdued, possibly because the opposition has a stronghold in that province. However, opposition to the regime or the referendum is forbidden under various special orders and

Meanwhile, the chief election commissioner, Mr Justice S A Nusrat, told a press conference here yesterday that he would announce the results of the referendum by next Saturday. No partial or regional results would be permitted

Mr Justice Nusrat, a Supreme Court judge, took pains to assure the journalists that ballot speeches and fairness in counting would be fully protected, although most referendum arrangements would be carried out by officials at district level. ment.

socialism in liberty. It is equally

true there can be no socialism

without solidarity," Senor Redondo declared. He gave a warning to the delegates, half of

whom now hold posts in local,

regional or central government,

of the risk of ignoring Spain's "new poor," as he called those who have lost their jobs because



Another case solved: Georges Simenon, aged 81, creatur of Inspector Maigret, before leaving hospital in Luasanne yesterday, 10 days after surgery to remove a benign head tumour, His surgeon said he was now perfectly well.

Chernenko pledges aid to Addis

Moscow (Reuter) - President Ethiopia's famine relief efforts at a meeting yesterday with the Ethiopian leader, Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam, and pledged continued Soviet aid drought-stricken country.

Colonel Mengistu, who is the Kremlin's closest African ally, is visiting Moscow on an unannounced trip that diplomats said appeared to be aimed at winning a promise of increased

Reporting the meeting. Tass news agency said Mr Cher-nenko praised "the Ethiopian Government's resolute actions.

Chernenko pointed out that the Soviet people take to heart the ordeat that has befallen the population of Ethiopia as a result of the protracted drought and strive to render necessary help and support as far as possible," Tass said.

While Western governments and organizations began supply-ing fleavy emergency relief in September, the Soviet Union moved relatively late, announcing a shipment of lorries. aircraft and some foodstuffs in late October.

Diplomats said Ethiopian officials have indicated they were not fully satisfied with the extent of relief aid from the Soviet Union, which provides large-scale military support to Addis Ababa's Marxist Govern-

Greece sees Turks as main menace From Mario Mediano, Athens The Greek Government took

one more step away from the Nato alliance yesterday when it announced its intention of redeploying its armed forces under a new defence doctrine that assumes the threat to the country's security to come, not from the Soviet block, but from

Turkey. A government spokesman confirmed a Press report that Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister, speaking at a national conference of cadres of the Socialist Party, had said the doctrine would be ratified early next month by the policy-mak-ing Government Council for Foreign Affairs and Defence.

The official text of the Prime Minister's speech omitted this passage, and the spokesman refused to elaborate. But the published version of what the Prime Minister disclosed indicated that as a result of the new doctrine there would be a reorganization of the country's defences and redeployment of its armed forces compatible with the new concept" - that is that "there is no military theat

Ever since the invasion of Cyprus in 1984, Greece has been obsessed by what it regards as a Turkish military threat in

Japanese

families

sue airline

From David Watts

Tokyo

of the Korean Airlines tragedy yesterday started civil action against the company claiming 914 million yen (£3 million)

Twenty-eight Japanese were killed when Korean Airlines flight 007 was shot down by a

Soviet fighter on September 1, 1983, killing all 269 people on

Relatives of the victims have

been trying ever since to reach

an agreement on compensation

their only remaining option was legal action. They decided that one group of the families should

seek redress through Japanese

courts and another group in the United States. The American

action is expected to begin next year and to include not only Korean Airlines (now renamed

Korean Air), but Boeing, the aircraft manufacturers, and the makers of the airliner's naviga-

tional equipment, Litton Indus-

Yesterday's claim by the

families of seven victims is based on the International Civil

Aviation Oganization (ICAO)

report of the incident and says

that the Boeing 747 intruded

into, Soviet airspace well north of its proper flightpath either on purpose or through the crew's negligence. Either way, the claimants say, the airline should

pay them damages. Korean Air admits no liability.

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Peru:

The Ayacucho

teenagers
By Caroline Moorehead

PRISONERS

Japanese relatives of victims

from the north but from the

the Aegean. This has led to the

stationing of troops in the Greek islands in the eastern Aegean, close to the Anatolian Turkey has been objecting to the militarization of these

islands, and when Greece assigned its military forces stationed in Lennos island to Nato for 1985, Turkey blocked Nato's acquiescence, with the result that no Greek forces will be committed to the alliance after December 31.

The Greek Government be since informed Nato that until this situation is cleared up it will boycott all joint manoeuvres of the alliance.

The timing of the Greek move however is puzzling. Prospects of a Cyprus settlement increased expectations that a Greek-Turkish dialogue could be resumed shortly afterwards. Mr Papendreou, however, told his cadres that on the contrary he expected greater friction in the Aegean.

Last week Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, extended once again his "olive branch" to Greece and Colonel Muammar Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, offered to mediate for a Papandreou-Ozal meeting. Both were turned down by Athens,

Verdict on Vietnam 21 today

The prosecution at the trial of 21 dissidents accused of plotting to overthrow the Vietnam Government yesterday said they were "guilty beyond a shadow of doubt".

deliver its verdict today.

with the airline but Korean Airlines had consistently re-fused to improve its offer of 20 million yen to each victim's family, according to Mr iKensuke Nakazawa, the leader of the group of families.

Discussions with the airline broke off last May when it became clear to the families that

the United States.

The full force of the law should be brought to bear against them, he said, many of whom admitted their guilt and asked for leniency. Under Victnamese, law the

maximum penalty for treason and espionage is death by firing squad. One defendant, Mr Tran Van Pluong, asked to be

raised laughter in the courtroom when he said it was difficult to defend the accused because of the conclusive evidence against

Ho Chi Minh City (Reuter)

The chief prosecutor, Mr Tran Le, made the claim in summing up before the Supreme Court, which is to

He said the evidence was conclusive that the accused, many of them military men who served in the former South Vietnamese Army, plotted to overthrow the Government with the support of China and Thailand and the connivance of

The court-appointed defence

Chances for UK in Taiwan

From cheap replicas to high-tech

Taiwan, or the Republic of China, publicly refuses to accept that Hong Kong, the conduit through which so much of its trade with the rest of the gobble us up.
"We tell ourselves that it is not a good market. There are a billion people, but they are so world pours will in 1997 become part of Communist China: In this second report on

Taiwan's attitude to the agree-ment Mrs Thatcher will sign tomorrow, Charles Wilson-outlines the dangers to Tai-wan's economy and what the Government in Taipet is doing



in the West to be lost when Chiang Kal-shek fled with two million of his followers to Formosa in 1949 is still going Although the shooting has

long since stopped, the econ-omic war is hotter than ever and the difference in size and population only lends a David and Goliath quality to the battle. Taiwan people are convinced: that their own economic success and skill will be the slingshot which will win the fight for the minds of the people of the weightand

people of the mainland.
"We are like Avis... we have to try harder," says Dr Yu-Ming Shao, chairman of the Institute of International Relations, the Government's

"The Peking Government is getting very anxious because we have become not a military threat but an economic ideological and a psychological threat. We are a huge embarrassment for them because we liave a vastly superior system with a standard of living their people can't even dream about.

"The Communists know they cannot use military force. We spend 40 per cent of our GNP on defence and have a million troops. Although they might win in the end, it would be at terrible cost. The people on the such a war with their own ethnic people. So we believe that in the current equation

they will not attack."
From across the narrow
Talwan Strait, Deng Xiaoping
offers alluring promises if only
Talwan will acknowledge Peking control – political autouing control capitalist economy
and the huge army. Now he
holds up the Hong Kong deal
as proof that Chinatipa and
will be one great and enough powerful nation.

Already, many Taiwan goods

Already, many Taiwan goods flood on to the mainland by Hong Kong's back door and Westerners puzzle over Tai-wan's refusal to engage in direct trade to boost its exports even higher and to let business

"We have to be cantious," says Dr says Dr Shao

ir har we result be running the risk of becoming an economic hostage. They could have us in, make us economically depen-dent on their market, and then

As the linal signing of the agreement has approached, the sound of the Hong Kong door closing has grown loader and Taiwan has become more desperate to encourage increased direct trading with the

As Taiwan's standard of living increases, so too does a taste. people who invented the takeaway saw the opening of their first McDonald's resnaurant in Taipei in January. Its first year's turnover will be more than \$5 million - the biggest hamburger outlet in the world. Three more have opened since and six more are imminent :

Years of cheap labour production and high selling have caused enormous trade imbalances with Britain, the United States, West Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium.

Now the Taipeli leaders are imports, to cut tariffs, to move away from cheap-labour export industries into well produced high-tech goods, and to remove another embarrassing commer-cial peccadfilo, counterfeiting.

It is still possible to buy what appears to be a Rolex watch for £6 in a Taipel street market but what are by local standards draconian m are being taken to put the sometimes brilliant replica factories out of business. In the first nine mouths of

last year, more than 200 companies had their export licences withdrawn with heavy fines and jail sentences of up to five years for the principals.

Europe, particularly from Britain," says Pan Chia Sheng, deputy director general of the Board of Foreign Trade. "But you make it very hard for us. The British businessman is stilf very conservative. He hesitates and allows his upposition to get established in market before him.

"Your government also makes it difficult for us. A. businessman here in Taiwan has to get a visa from Hong Kong to go to Britain. It takes up to six weeks; and there is a stapid formality of depositing a guarantee of £2,500 here in Taipei

We need machine tools, chemical products and some raw materials. We can take high teck products, computers, engineering goods and trans-port equipment.

"Currently, 40 per cent of our imports from the UK come via Hong Kong and agents cent of your turnover. We would like you to come direct."

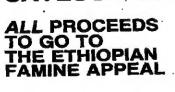


High-profile defence: A Taiwanese officer looks across the yards from Quemoy Island to Communist China. Taiwan spends 40 per cent of its GNP on defence.

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ted the other 14 men and two attacked the "neo-liberal" poli- of the economic crisis

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Windhoek trial of BBC journalist

delivers his closing

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

A Namibian journalist, Miss Gwen Lister is to appear briefly in court in Windhoek, the Namibian capital, today in connection with charges under the Official Secrets Act and the Post Office Act.
Miss Lister, who is a freelance contributor to the BBC, was arrested last Friday

and released on Sunday night after depositing 500 rand (£200) in bail and surrendering her Her case, which has attracted

international interest, arose out of a bungled attempt by the police to arrange for the interception of her mail. A request to this effect from the police to the Postmaster-General in Namibia was inadver-tently sent to Miss Lister's own Extracts from the police

request, which was written in Afrikaans and marked Uiters Geheim (Top Secret), subsequently appeared in the Rand Daily Mail and other newspapers. The police claimed that Miss Lister was using her mail box to liaise with leading members of Swapo (the South West Africa People's Organization), as well as an exile wing which had been waging a desultory guerrilla war since 1966 against South Africa's occupation of Namibia.

Four teenage boys, Heary Luis Medina Quispe, aged 16, Oswaldo Cardenas Quispe, aged 15, Yuri Alejandro Simbron Simbron, aged 14, and José Rudy Jaime Peralta, aged. It is understood that Miss Lister faces charges under the Post Office Act of illegally opening mail addressed to someone else and, under the Official Secrets Act, of publishing a confidential document.

Extortioners' reprieve

Tokyo.— The extortion gang the victim companies, the group harassing Japanese firms since wrote in. a letter sent to the spring has urged senior newspapers in Osaka: "Relax at police officers to relax the investigations over the traditional new year holidays (David Wants writes).

The gang, which calls itself The 21 faced mystery man", said in the letter that it had

Hinting that its members are said in the letter that it had about to take some time off taken one million yen (£3,300) themselves after a successful from a company in the Kobe under-the-table deal with one of area a week ago.

"disappeared" after being an detained by the Army in est Ayacucho, a remote highland are region of Peru. Observers fear that they may he in the custody of the Ayacucho Political Military Command and could be subject to torture and extra-judicial execution. Yuri Alejandro is believed to have been tortured

at Huanta police station. Scores of teenagers are known to have been detained by booded members of the security forces and "disappeared", either indefinitely or for varying lengths of time in nine provinces of the highland departments since December,

an army general, was established to administer the The departments have since

been placed under a state of emergency and there have been consinut reports of torture, as security forces have sought members of the guerrilla organization Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path). The bodies of teenagers stripped naked and showing signs of torture have been found in Ayacucho prov-ince. (There is also evidence that Sendero Luminoso has

executed young people).

The rebels have recruited some students from Ayacucho secondary schools, a fact used by the military to justify

Trimaran crew rescued after 17 hours in sea

New York (Reuter) - All five French trimaran were rescued after spending 17 hours clinging to the hull, the US Coast Guard said yesterday. The Medecins Sans Frontière

skippered by Jean-Yves Ter-lain, capsized 600 miles south of Bermuda while taking part in a race from Spain to Santo Domingo following the route of the 1492 voyage by Christopher Columbus.

The trimaran overturned when it ran into 16ft waves created by high winds.

The crew did not have time to send a distress call, the Coast Guard spokesman said. But a crewmember flipped a switch activating an automatic satel-lite-linked alarm system, known as Argos, which broadcast a distress signal and the vessel's exact location to the US Coast Guard Rescue and Coordination Centre.

All the rescued crewmen-were reported to be in good shape despite their ordeals.

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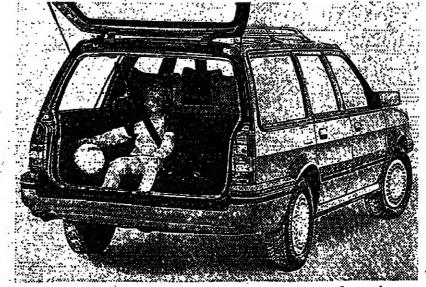
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THE FACTS

Abortions girls under 16

One in eight of all familie one perent family. One in six of all children likely to need some special education.

CHILD ABUSE 1984 50,000 children physically and

mentally abused, neglect and emotionally starved

600 severely with injuries to bones, head etc. 52 battered to death

children of over 10 and under

Notified young drug addicts tripled in nine years One child in four a regular smoker at 15-16

Driving offences in under 18 year olds tripled in 20 years

1968 24,831 adoption orders in

1972 83,000

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1983 boys under 14 boys 14-17

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population Population under 16

Our children under siege

most prosperous countries of the world, it is clear that though British children are not starving to death their position and prospects have declined in the last decade. Today the British child is smoking more, drinking more alcohol, sniffing more glue and injecting considerably more heroin than he would have done in the mid-1970s. He runs away more often from home and naving commutted more crimes is more likely to serve a custodial sentence.

He is three times more likely to be living on or below the Supplementary poverty line, and will much more probably come from a broken or oneparent family from whom he will receive less attention, affection and security. This year, one child each week was battered to death. Usually it was a boy, aged less than a year, and he died from head injuries.

There are today just over 12 million children, more of them boys than girls, in the United Kingdom. While legitimate births have declined by nearly a third in 20 years, illegitimate ones have doubled. One in eight of all families is now a oneparent family, an increase of

just over 70 per cent in 10 years. Meanwhile, the fastest growing group of statutory orders on children is matrimonial. So confused is the civil law governing family matters that a couple can have three children in care for the same reasons, under three different statutory provisions: one order in the Juvenile court, one in a county court and another in a High court. Each has its own rules on evidence and appeal.

The last decade has seen a virtual tripling of the number of children living within what the Child Poverty Action Group considers as poverty or its margins, from 1,25m in 1974 to 3.68m in 1981, the last moment when comparable figures were available. That number has undoubtedly risen. "Increas-ingly, we're finding poverty in families with children", says Ruth Lister of CPAG.

These last years have seen a definite shift away from pensioners and towards children." Particularly hard, she adds, is the fact that while poverty grows, so do the expectations of poor children, as advertising on television promises a future of home computers, automatic cameras and innumerable desirable gadgets.

It is obvious that poverty cannot be linked to all children's ills. However, as the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children more than 50,000 children are now either being battered every year (more of them, but less seriously, than in the 1970s) or mentally tortured, neglected or emotionally starved, and that nearly twothirds of these families are receiving supplementary benefits - a steady rise from less than half in 1977. (That year 35 per cent of fathers in battering families were unemployed; five years later, 58 per cent).



Mistreated and alone, one of a guorting number of children at risk to him an

connection of course," one child worker said. "But there is equally an obvious and complex interraction between unemployment, stress, vulnerability and child abuse." A father who has

"There is no simple causal onnection of course," one hild worker said. "But there is qually an obvious and complex iterraction between unemployment, stress, vulnerability and hild abuse. "A father who has set his job, the NSPCC 18th birthday.

How this is possible consider-

Partners in the sponsorship game: Tim Bell (left), Anthony Queyle and Derek Hornby

The key words to remember, according to Anthony Quayle, are coerce, wheedle, charm and beg. Do all four in sufficient quantity and you might find yourself halfway up a queue of umpteen other aspiring arts companies knocking on the door of private industry and asking for crumbs from the big business dining table.

Quayle, now a lively 71, is the man who made the Stratford theatre into the respected institution which is now the Royal Shakespeare Company, and then, sick of finding that administration took up more time than acting left it all to make a series of films - some good such as Ice Cold in Alex. some simply awful.

Last year, he announced the formation of Compass Theatre, a new touring company de-signed to live half on the Arts Council grant and half on private income. A nice idea. said the theatrical world, but doomed to failure. For a start,

The art of getting theatre sponsors

and raise a further £100,000 yourself from other sources.

Since every other arts company is in the same penurious book, that is no easy task. Sponsorship is a relatively new facet of Conservative arts policy, and one in which great faith is being placed. It is no coincidence that the job of secretary general of the Arts Council, when it became vacant two years ago, went not to 2 proven arts administrator, but to Luke Rittner, who was then heading the Association of Business Sponsorship of the Arts. But it is still a hazy and unproven idea, and the fate of Quayie's company may well prove just how workable the notion really is:

How do you go about convincing British business that backing the arts is worthwhile? It helps, of course, to have influential friends, and Compass has been well blessed in that respect. Tim Bell, the ebullient chairman of Saatchi & Santchi, and a close confidente of the Prime Minister, chairs the board, Quayle cornered Bell after being employed on the voice-over work for the Con-servative Party television commercials produced by Saatchi during the last election, a job he continues to perform during the odd party political

Over funch Bell decided that he liked the idea and became the chairman of the company. Though he never reveals the fact in interviews, he also ploughed £50,000 of his own Kinnear, who had been ap-

getting funding for the idea because it's such a nice one and his track record is so good. For the future we think our operating costs will be about £15,000 a week so our total for the six months will be about the six months will be about £350,000. On top of that we have the cost of the production, between, say, £70,000 and £90,000 each, say £250,000 for all three. We think we'll more or less booter the operating costs. less cover the operating costs from box office income, leaving us with the £250,000 to find

Even such a persuasive personality as Beil finds the going hard on the sponsorship front. "We don't fall naturally into any sponsorship category.
It's not really like Coca Cola
paying for a tennis tournament
where they know their name will end up on television. We're talking about an invisible,

"But attitudes are changing If you are operating in a country, it is probably reasonable to do things that make you part of that country. If you're part of people's lives, then they

part of people's lives, then they will get to know you. Some people just want to use it as a place to take their customers.

"I don't think many sponsors want to put on "the Martini production of St Joan," or "the Ford King Lear", but if you see a play in which someone comes on with an airline bag them? don't see why the sirling shouldn't sponsor that bit.
There's a buge business in future films where people pay according to the number of times their particular brand of cigurette is smoked. In the Bond films they are charging around £100,000 a product.

Hornby is keen on local sponsorship in the towns or tour. "In a local area, if you are a major employer there are a number of things you can do as a sponsor. Most companies want to put something back into

the community."

The Compass local price lists offers, for £5,000, 70 tickets, a credit on all advertising material and programmes, and the Not every Thespian wants to go backstage after a performance and hobnob with officials from local building society, of

"But I have to drag them along to do it." says Quayle, "It's part of the job. We need sponsors like that." The actor says that his aim is to create a bigh-class touring company before I'm too old to do it".

At the heart of Quayle's company lies the belief that theatre is an art form, not a building or an administration. It remains to be seen whether the private sector shares that belief.

David Hewson

Private Function Brilliant new

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people have their headquarters, and therefore they want to entertain where people are. But we are detecting a move against

arts had risen from £600,000 in 1976 to its present £15m a year level, Mr Tweedy said, but there level, Mr I weedy said, but there was still a wide gap between its funding and the £100m of public money spent by the Arts Council each year.

The base is broadening. More and more arts groups are getting sponsorship each year, but more and more are asking. It's a dramatic increase in the

It's a dramatic increase in the number of hands grasping at the money pot, but the cash isn't increasing at the same speed".

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HONG KONG FASHION I



Embroidered satin dressing gown by Lim Ying Ying £162, Harrods lingerie. Ivory silk tuxedo jacket £96 and pyjama trousers £72 both by Fenn Wright, and Manson from Younger Set, Harrods, Knightsbridge SW1. Cherry biossom tree from Neal Street East, Covent Garden WC2.

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Hong Kong has a flourishing fashion industry in search of its roots. The colony is planted in to sign the treaty to hand the British China, and is soon to be a part of it, yet Hong Kong fashion looks towards the West.

The streets may echo with the click of Mah Jong counters, but also with Western high heels. While mainland China is still encased in Mao suits. Hong Kong's fashion uniform is jeans and designer labels.

This thrusting city with its outlying territories is the third largest fashion exporter the world with figures that show a beanshoot growth. Hong Kong was once known for the cheap and shoody, but it is now trading upwards as surely as the Peak Tram climbs to its panoramic heights. As you look down from the top at the sweep of the South China Sea and huge container port, you are looking at a manufacturing base with the capacity to clothe the entire western world. It is an

awesome thought.

Behind the coastal ridge and its undulating New Territories lies a vast and untapped market which Hong Kong is culturally and strategically placed to serve. The dragon is already stirring. as the People's Republic of China takes its first tentative steps towards creating a consumer market for clothing.

Hong Kong's fashion success so far has come from being fast on its feet. As the market for cheap T-shirts and cut-price separates moved away to lowercost countries in Asia - Taiwan, Singapore and even China itself Hong Kong deliberately decided to increase its fashion content. Even if those other countries follow its lead, they still have a long way to catch up, says George Blaney, deputy executive director of the Trade Development Council, which was set up in 1966 and has majored on fashion promotion.

"We have established ourselves as reliable and fashion-able and the entire infra-structure of Hong Kong makes it comfortable for people who trade," says Mr Blancy, "We are comfortable for people who I watched Giorgio Armani trade." says Mr. Blancy. "We are menswear, the Krizia Mirrors already on that upward esca-collection. Perry Ellis multilator and we are moving on at a relatively faster pace."

Tomorrow Mrs. Thatcher arrives in Peking

Crown Colony to mainland China.

Chairman Deng Xiaoping heads a country

of one thousand million potential consumers. The Hong Kong fashion

industry has found its markets and its inspiration in the West, But designers are

now examining their cultural identity

the high tech Japanese compu-terized machines at Top Knit-

ters, who justifiably style

encourage young designers.

"A lot of people criticize us

the labels?

It is a neat metaphor for the urban shopping mails and walkways which make Hong Kong Island and the Kowioon side into an endless conveyor belt of fashion.

The most influential of these shopping areas is the Landmark -a monument in white marble and splashing fountains to the international designer labels. These are the status symbol clothes for the chic, wealthy Hong Kong ladies, the "Tai Tais" as the Chinese language graphically describes them.

In fact, Hong Kong itself is increasingly a manufacturing resource for upmarket designer names - not for the high fashion collections, but for the more regular lines that need to be made in quantity to a bigh

patterned cashmere, Valentino and Ungaro labels all rolling off personally I have to be commer-

cial and I have to think internationally." Judy Mann's clothes are high

quality separates with a sense of Italian style, which is currently the main fashion influence in Hong Kong. Her fabrics are all imported, mostly from Italy, for the colony is a major textile-

"What we need is eccentricity." says Ragence Lam, who trained as a fashion designer in London at St Martin's and the RCA before going back to his roots in Hong Kong Ragence Lam is now exploring Chinese culture, cutting funnel and pagoda sleeves, using ethnic accessories like Chinese sandals and coolie hats, and even cutting coats and jackets out of

traditional straw matting. "I am beginning to feel a sense of belonging," he says. "I don't really have any roots, but now that we see more of the mainland Chinese, I feel a need

to identify"

The problem for Hong Kong. artifically cut off from its own cultural heritage by British colonial rule and the barriers put up by China itself for the past 30 years, is which part of China to identify with.

Jenny Lewis is fascinated by Imperial China and her collection of antique embroidered robes was the starting point of her fashion career. Now she finds herself an English-born Capturing the Italian designers was a source of particular pride, says Elizabeth Woo Li of designer to whom the Chinese come for festival cheong sams. She also uses skills of mainland China for the elaborate beaded dresses in Western styles which she exports.

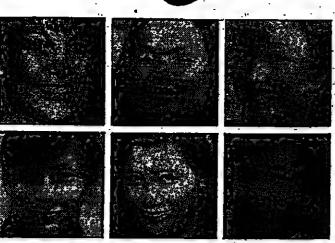
Top Knitters, who did her fashion training in New York.
Hong Kong has worked hard Jenny Lewis's dresses, with their rivers of colour flowing, to lose its sweat shop image, but designers need to play an active like shaded paint across a part in the industry and build up an indigenous look, says Judy Mann. She set up this year a group of 29 designers to promote Hong Kong style, in the local market as well as overseas and to recent and simple shift, are made in China. although she finds working with the Chinese a problem as there is no clear chain of command within the factories and no conception of the demands of overseas, and to recruit and

expressed in Hong Kong in the for not being creative enough," lacquer red sausages hanging on says Judy Mann. "We want to the street stalls, in the pale be creative, but we also want to antique jades and porcelain succeed. I have a factory and a pots, even in the vivid neon shop dependent on me, and signs in Chinese characters on



HONG KONG FASHION II

Dragon



Hong Kong designers: Above left to right:- Jenny Lewis, Hannal Pang, Diane Freis, Ragence Lam, Kai-Yin Lo, Eddie Lau.

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Clothing.

Eddie Lau says that the range he designed for Chinese Arts and Crafts was inspired by the colours of traditional porcelain.

Working in China he has Working in China, he has produced patterns and blocks of colour for simple dresses, often combining silk with wool.

"I want to upgrade Chinese silk," he says, "But the idea of a Chinese fashion feeling is more complex. I want to introduce it in a subtle way, deciding a suitable direction for oriental

designers who have managed to capture the upmarket local clientele. Others include Walter Ma, who has a couture cut and international inspiration, David Sheekwan, who looks creatively at Hong Kong's traditional asset of knitting. Hannah Pang makes

interesting leatherwear. Kai-Yin Lo's jewellery, with its tactile combinations of carved and polished stones, of flat wood and bone with rough turquoise and splashes of coral, has brought her international renown and a flourishing export market, especially in the United

But where, I asked Lucia Carpio Chu of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, do the ordinary people shop? She took me to Causeway Bay. where there is a series o

Japanese department stores. There are 10,149 manufacturers of apparel in Hong Kong and more than a quarter of a

Exports of clothes and access the Kowloon streets. None of ories rose by an overwhelmingly this rich heritage is seen in clothing.

Eddie Lau says that the range value of these exports was 3.4

The UK rates third in the world for Hong Kong exports behind the United States and West Germany. The only cloud in the thin blue sky that stretches over Repulse Bay, is the projectionist policy in the United States, which now insists that a country of origin label is specific.

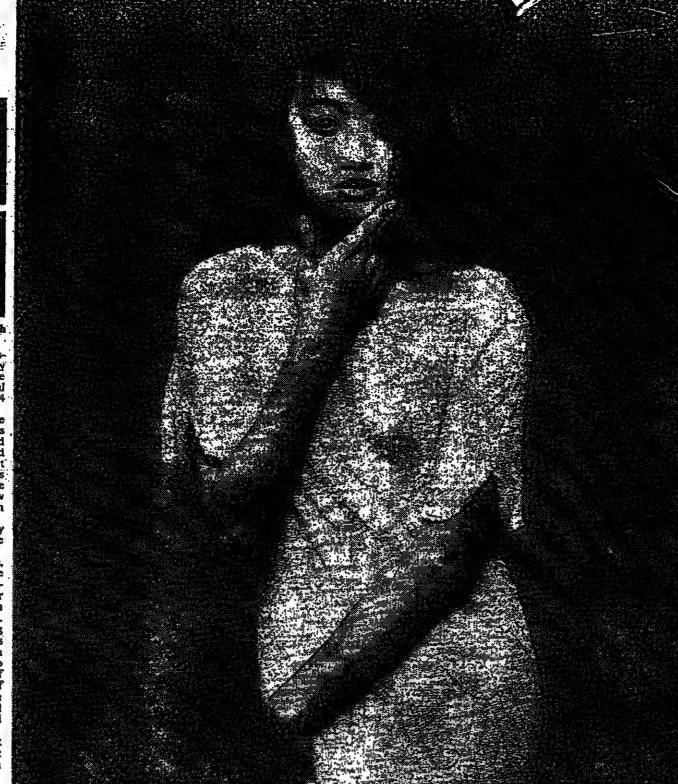
Communist China is already an export market, 12th on the list, the figures up 85 per cent. "It is a phenomenal increase,

a quantum leap," says George Blaney of the Trade Develop-ment Council. "At the lower end we cannot compete with China and they know we can't. But the Chinese are now asking us for help in choosing products and marketing at the Canton and Shanghai fairs. China has to offer us a colossal amount of land and a colossal amount of labour. We can offer them channels of communication and the largest and best equipped port on the South China Sea."

It sounds like a perfect match. The marriage contract will be signed tomorrow in Peking.



Hair by Rene Gelston to Schant Make-up by Marilyn Dupris Photographs by MICK BRIGGS



The siren call of the West for the traditional Chinese craft of bead embroidery. English-born designer Jenny Lewis, cream dress with scallop sleeves ompletely embroidered in sequins in the People's Republic of Chine. From a selection, £840 from Harrods Designer Evening Wear, Knightsbridge SW1



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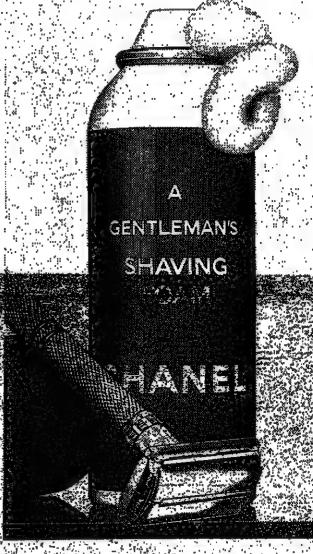
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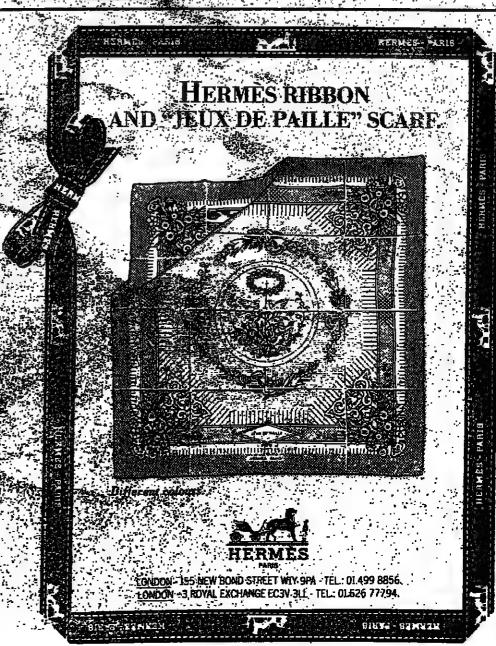
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Creamed off

Strawberry Fields forever? Apparently not. John Lennon, whose song immortalised the Liverpool Salvation Army children's home in whose grounds he played as a boy.
obviously reckoned without the
hard-left city council and its pursuit of "municipalization". Tomorrow the council is expected to rubberstamp a social services committee decision to stop sending children to voluntary homes such as Strawberry Fields in order to keep open two under-used council-run homes Captain David Botting, the officer in charge, says that starved of children Strawberry Fields would face closure; Liberal councillors describe the plan as "municipal vandalism" motivated by "blind dogma".

Speller bound

Secret service spooks listening to phones at CND headquarters would have been intrigued by one of the calls received on Friday. It came from the office of backbench Tory MP Tony Speller, who asked for a copy of the CND booklet Trident: Britain's Independent Arms Race.
"No, it's not for Mr Speller",
conceded the caller when pressed. "It's for Mr Heseltine's private office."

Bad tidings

The latest "Happy Christmas" edition of Ford News is filled with 20 pages of news of record-breaking Ford cars, league-topping sales, and improved salaries – everything, in fact, except mention of the monthlong strike that has laid off 10,000 workers, cost them about £600 in pay each and halted production of some £200m worth of cars.

Book Marx

Foyles had not expected to find itself in the front line of miners' violence. Last Thursday, however, the book-shop found Coal not Dole stickers plastered across the window displaying Nicholas Hagger's Scargill the Stalinist. Later protestors invaded the shop itself, and stuck more stickers across the bookshelves. Now Foyles has been threatened with broken windows unless the books are removed. Far from complying, it has ordered more.

From each

I bate to spoil Mikhail Gorbachov's pilgrimage to Karl Marx's tomb in Highgate cemetery tomorrow but the Chinese have preempted him. Three weeks ago Chinese vice-premier Tian Jiyun made a secret early-morning trip to pay his respects at Mark's tomb during an unpublicised stopover on his way to Africa. The Friends of Highgate Cemetery, struggling to keep the burial grounds open, may not be above trading on Soviet-Chinese emnity, especially where rival claims to the founder of modern communism are concerned. Gorbachov's entourage will doubtless be informed that Tian gave the Friends a generous cheque and the promise of continued support

BARRY FANTONI



"Perhaps now they'll be known as the shorter life assurance company

Hurdle cleared

The Foreign Office has given the goahead to the latest novel by its former Minister of State, Douglas Hurd, puffed by Hodder as a wry account of the decline and fall of Foreign Office minister. Hurd and his former private secretary, Stephen Lamport, will put the finishing touches to The Palace of Enchantments over Christmas, content in the knowledge that the FO mandarins have accepted their disclaimer it is set in "an alternative present" where, for instance, atwittish upper class ambassador holds the post in a non-existent country.

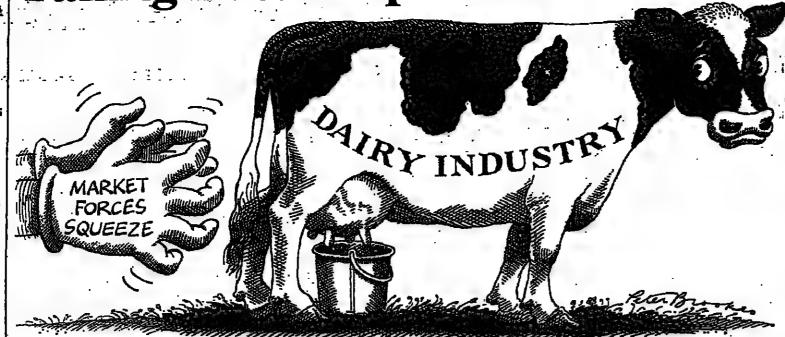
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So much for modern music. Various "electro-acoustic pieces" were broadcast recently by the Radio 3 programme Music in our Time. Unfortunately the tape of one, by Margaret Sambell, was played backwards. But for the composer, not a listener noticed.

Eye aye

Private Eye has obviously gone soft: after 23 puritanical years, W. H. Smith - dubbed W. H. Smug by the Eye - has agreed to dirty its fingers and stock it from February. Yesterday Smiths insisted it was not the content it had objected to, but the fear of libel action: it is now convinced that distributors are seldom named in actions. Eye editor Richard Ingrams told me: "It doesn't mean we've gone establish ment. I've still to win a libel action, and we'll still be calling them PHS through it. Remains of the original

Taking Buttercup to market forces



by John Young

reduce or at least stabilize the EEC butter, cheese and milk powder mountains, farmers are as confused and uncertain as ever. Reduced production could lead to plant closures and redundancies; the industry's structure could be undermined by the Government's de-

cision to end price controls. Few people outside the industry are aware of how huge and complex it is, involving some 40,000 producers (farmers, not cows), five milk marketing boards and, on the distribution side, some of the largest conglomerates in Britain. Although consumption has been declining steadily for some years, primarily for health reasons, the doorstep "pinta" is still a significant enough element in the retail price index for the Government to have baulked at ending controls until it was satisfied

it had inflation on a leash. Under the present arrangements the five milk marketing boards (England and Wales, three in Scotland, and one in Northern Ireland) buy more than 98 per cent of milk off farms; the exceptions are the few producer-processors who make and sell their own cheese or who have contracted to sell, say, cream or ice cream to local shops. The price the boards pay to farmers is based partly on the

doorstep price for liquid milk, which

accounts for about 60 per cent of

total sales, and partly on what

butter, cheese and other food manufacturers are prepared to pay for their supplies. It is widely accepted that the balance has become distorted, and that the Government's decision to let market forces take over will prove to be a

Controls were originally introduced in 1940 to prevent wartime profiteering. Ever since then the Ministry of Agriculture has annually decreed both the price to be paid by the boards to farmers and the maximum doorstep retail price.

By carving up the doorstep market among themselves (how often do you see more than one milk float in the same street?) dairy giants such as Express, Unigate, Northern and the Co-op have never had to undercut one another, and the maximum price has always been the accepted retail price. This cosy cartel has suited the milk marketing boards very well; it has allowed them to pay high prices to farmers, and it explains why both the boards and the Dairy Trade Federation have gone to such lengths to extol

the present delivery system. In Europe, where doorstep deliveries are rare, a different view is taken. The British retail price, 22p a pint, is the highest in the EEC, and our dairy companies are regularly accused of using the high returns from liquid milk sales to subsidize butter and cheese manufacture.

In an ordinarily competitive market things might be seen differently, but this is no ordinary market. It is heavily over supplied from New Zealand, Denmark, the Netherlands, France and West Germany as well as from Britain and consequently large quantities of butter and low-grade Cheddar cheese have to be bought up and put

Almost every report on the industry has recommended changes in the present price structure, until now with no result. The decision by Michael Jopling, the Minister of Agriculture, to withdraw his civil servants from the arena altogether is therefore a much more radical step than it might appear,

It might be asked whether the boards are still necessary. The question is guaranteed to make any dairy farmer shudder. For him they are his sole protection against being exposed to a repetition of the 1930s when the dairy firms rethlessly drove prices down and forced farmers into bankruptcy.

The alternative might be the kind of large producer cooperatives which exist in northern France. But this would immediately create an imbal-ance between those near large centres of population and those, as in west Wales for example, remote from their markets. One thing to be said for the boards' monopoly is that farmers large and small, wherever they are, receive a uniform guaran-teed price.

that there is no right or indeed possibility of peaceful political opposition (no: one knows how many people are imprisoned in the Chinese Gulag, though they cer-tainly include the contributors to the hand-written newspapers on the famous "Wall of Democracy" that flourished so briefly a few years ago), there is no system of independent justice or of a right to trial, there is no assumption of innocence for any accused person, there is no freedom from secret arrest and imprison-ment, there is no liberty of writing or publishing or speaking, there is no artistic freedom, there are no trades unions, there is no freedom of movement about China or from directed labour, there is no right to leave the country, and while we are about it, I may as well mention that

adults to practise homosexuality in It may be argued that all the political freedoms will follow on the heels of the economic ones; indeed, it will be so argued, by those who are not quite brazen enough to argue that the political freedoms already exist. We have been hearing that claim from South Africa's apologists for years, and there is still no sign of it actually happening. And in any case, there is no sign in China that more than the most limited form even of economic freedom is being

contemplated, If a man is chastising you with scorpions, and then abandons the scorpions for whips, you will experience some slight relief. But you would be rather overdoing things if you felt a great rush of gratitude to your tormentor and thanked him most warmly. It is good that a tiny crack of sense has opened in the wall of nonsense that has hitherto surrounded China's economic way of life, not only under Mao but also under Deng. But it is so far only a crack, and even if it should develop into a massive fissure it will mean nothing to the Chinese other than that they may in time become less poor. It is good to be less poor, it is better to be more free. When Deng Xiaoping an-nounces that real freedom is to be permitted to the Chinese, and makes good his claim, I shall believe that something fundamental has changed I can wait.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Freed from dogma but it's still tyranny as before

doubt Messrs Felix Greene and Neville Maxwell, on hearing the announcement, must have had 77 separate kinds of fit, but nobody with a scrap more sense than a Labour councillor in Islington would ever have imagined that Marx and Lenin could be taken seriously as guides to anything but Highgate Cemetery and Red Square When the Gang of Four were

arrested, following the death of their leader, it could have been regarded as no more than the climination of a rival group by the new masters, together with the settling of scores. So it was, but gradually it became course; not only had the insane frenzy of Maoism been brought under control - it would have sooner or later destroyed the country altogether if it hadn't been - but an extraordinary note of realism, quite unknown to any of Stalin's suc-cessors except Khrushchev (and even in his case only briefly), began

Perhaps the clearest sign that the

Government wants a shake-up in

British agriculture, with market

forces given greater prominence, is

its decision to end price controls for

milk and to hold an inquiry into the

relationship between the Milk Marketing Board for England and Wales and its wholly-owned subsidi-

ary. Dairy Crest.
The board began life in 1933 as a

farmers' cooperative and is still

owned by its members, ironically the man expected to head the inquiry is a former Labour agricul-

ture minister. John Silkin, who has

always been considered a staunch supporter of the board and only two

weeks ago was appointed an adviser.

the board's acquisition of 16 Unigate creameries in 1979. Dairy

Crest, which was set up to run the

manufacturing operation, is now Britain's largest producer of butter and cheese, with 80 per cent of the

Although the board is legally forbidden to sell milk more cheaply to Dairy Crest than to other

producers, their close relationship is

still suspected and resented within the industry. The European Com-mission in Brussels has threatened

to withhold up to £25m in payments to Britain if it is satisfied that manufacturers have been supplied with milk at artificially low prices.

This has not been a good year for

Britain's dairy industry. Nearly nine

months after the imposition of

production quotas, intended to

Pliny got it wrong (the old fool got most thing wrong, if you ask me); it is China, not Africa, from which

there is always something new. And

nothing could be newer than recent

reports that the People's Daily has

been hinting that Marx and Lenin

can no longer be considered invariably useful guides to economic

policy.

The extent of the novelty, mind

you, should not be exaggerated. No

home-produced butter market.

The inquiry has been provoked by

Deng has been gradually changing China's economic policies for some time now; Mao managed simultaneously to ruin Chinese industry, agriculture and education, and Deng's attempt at the salvage of all three has been marked by a realism that must be most refreshing to his people. Already, peasants have been given a very limited but apparently genuine economic autonomy, and there has been much talk of a similar encouragement of individual business enterprise. But that need not have been supported by any statement of theory; as the Soviet bosses have shown, anything at all can be said to be in accord with the sacred scriptures of Marx and Lenin. and Deng Xiaoping could have handed over the entire country to Marks and Spencer, or even the Pentagon, while still insisting that he was following the doctrine of the Great Teachers to the letter.

Salvador's guerrillas. More than 60

have been blown up since the civil

war began. But the guerrillas appeared willing to make one exception, as a token of their

committment to the new peace

'A decision to build a bridge

spanning the Torola river was the

most concrete result of the first

talks, in October, between the US-

backed government and guerrilla leaders. The government agreed to

lay a bridge over the river and the

guerrillas agreed not to destroy it. The river, which runs from east to

west across the mountainous north-

ern province of Morazan, has been an unofficial border between army

and guerrilla-controlled territory for

The bridge had been imported by

the army from Britain two years ago.

An engineer at the construction site

described it as a refined, more

resistant version of the Bailey

bridge, a simple design developed during the Second World War.

Since early 1981 the only way

across the Torola river had been

most of the civil war.

to be heard in China.

suggestions that Marx has been dead for 101 years (Chinese arithmetic was always of a very high standard), that some of Marx's ideas are not necessarily and always appropriate were many things that Marx, Engels and Lenin did not experience, that there are many questions not written in books, and that one cannot take a dogmatic attitude towards Marxism.

Never mind the obviousness and absurdity of the whole painful business; regard only what it reveals of the distance that China's present leader has travelled. If a man has always maintained that the earth is flat, he is surely to be commended if he now says that it is shaped liked a rugger-ball; in the words of David Frost's judge who lets off a rapist with a string of convictions for homosexual offences, this is a step in It will be interesting to see how

the unreconstructed Marxist-Maoist fellow-travellers in Britain and elsewhere take this news; some will denounce the Chinese leaders for will simply follow round the U-turn, others again will fall into a stupor of bewilderment. But that is not what chiefly concerns me in the new Chinese situation.

For let us not suppose - though, alas, many will - that one blind swallow, its feathers bedraggled, its beak cracked, its eggs addled, makes giorious summer out of a winter of discontent. There is no sign at all, whatever limited reforms confined to the economic sphere may be instituted, that the people of China are becoming any more free, or that China's ruler has any intention of allowing them to. It remains true

The NUJ and The Journalist

The brief span of Salvador's bridge of hope

"A lot of people in the refuget fire was followed, in familiar camps are packing their bags and escalation, by bursts of machinegun

The monthly newspaper of the National Union of Journalists recently had a brief respite from its control by the far-left in the union, a respite used not only to moderate its political screaming, but to turn it into a very good journal, well written and well laid out. Alas, the editor who brought this about, Tony Craig, has gone, and an election for his successor is now in progress. My own Branch, the London Freelance, which is now firmly back in the hands of the extremists - and, incidentally, it is one of the largest in the union, with some 10 per cent of the membership — has held up the despatch of ballot-papers to members, though these have been available for some time; the despatch date will now be Tresday, December 18, nicely calculated to get delayed, overlooked or even lost in the

bridge and its first Bailey replace-

ment, destroyed by the guerrillas, lie

vital for the war-battered province's

subsistence economy and the new

one had become a symbol of the

"While the bridge stands there's a chance for peace," said one construction worker. "The minute it

goes, you'll know the war is going on

in Meanguera, just north of the

river, there has been no electricity

since 1981, when a thousand families lived there. Now there are

only 18 families, 14 of which have

arrived since the first peace talks.

roofs. Bullet holes mark the walls.

Mortar shells have made holes in the

Most of Manguera's original

inhabitants now live in appalling

squalor in refugee camps to the

south, where air force bombard-ments are fewer and the fighting less

intense. A 52-year-old man who had

just brought his family back after

three years said he decided to return

home when he heard the bridge was

ull the bitter end."

to be built.

Christmas post-rush. (The 18th is the day AFTER the last day of posting for Christmas of second-class mail. And ballot-papers must

Would all NUJ members who wish to keep the Union's paper sensible and representative of the membership please note that of the four candidates, the most likely to do that is STEVE PATERSON, the second most likely is DAVID TURNER (who, though a Communist, is - I am assured by advisers in a position to know - a cautions professional who would not use the paper for party ends). Since the election is by Single Transferable Vote, members should not vote with an X, but with numbers. Moderates should put 1 against Paterson, and 2 against Turner; they should not use

MORAZAN

getting ready to come back", said the

man, cheerful in the bright heat of the town square, "The bridge means

work. It also means the guerrillas and the army are humanizing the

The day before the bridge was due

to be opened something happened to

show how wishful were the people's

expectations of peace. Shots rang out. The crackle of automatic rifle

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exploding mortar shells.

A lony full of soldiers had driven up to the bridge and guerrilla lookouts across the river had opened fire, initiating a 20-minute battle. By thoughtlessness or design, the accord had been broken.

Lying in a ditch for cover, the bridge workers' buoyancy turned to bitterness. "Remember that old Mexican song," asked one, "the one that goes "life isn't worth a damn"?" There were no indications of guerrilla or army casualties, but one of the men at the bridge dripped blood from a bullet wound on the side of his head. "Down tools, boys, we're going home", said the foreman, feeling betrayal and disgust

A few days later the guerrillas' distrust of the army got the better of their desire for peace. They blew up the bridge, and with it the hopes of thousands, an indication that talks or no talks, it looks like business as usual in El Salvador's civil war for a long time to come.

Phillip Whitehead

A tax to channel the BBC's way

It is liceace fee time again. Not since the late George Howard took over St Paul's Cathedral to give thanks for the BBC's 60 glorious years have we heard such hosannas to public service broadcasting. The BBC is skilled in these matters. A rise in the licence fee from £46 to £65 is emollicatly described as still below the level of inflation in real terms. Wealthy politicians and cheerful professors pronounce the higher fee professors pronounce the higher fee a snip, real value for money. (You can say the same, of course, of Rolls-Royces). The plans unveiled speak of modest expansion all round. Nothing is to be curtailed or abandoned. The Consumers' Association survey is quoted to demonstrate that the public are willing, nay cager, to pay up to £75 for the

service they want. The opposition groups around another standard. Why increase a speciacularly regressive tax, if some of the services to be provided can be charged to the market? The Prime Minister has shown her unerring populist instinct in letting it be known that she has no objection to advertising on the BBC to supplement an increase in line with inflation, rather than the BBC's ingenious formula "broadcasting inflation". Others clamour for advertising for research of their own advertising for reasons of their own.

The agencies want it because they could then smash the ITV advertising monopoly, and shrink the rate cards. Some Labour MPs want it as the simplest way of keeping down the cost of a tax which hits the poor hardest. A MORI poll last week was used to show that 70 per cent of the public would prefer to freeze the licence fee at its present level, but top up with those fluid advertising

In all this the BBC is nervously aware of how over-extended it is, both in territory and argument. On the left and right of the political spectrum it hears voices which criticise it for form as well as content. With the Prime Minister entering the lists, the Corporation's counterblast against advertising sounds an uncertain trumpet. It is not, they say, that it is wrong in principle. There just isn't enough of it to go round, and they wouldn't want to bankrupt the newspapers, independent local radio, or even some ITV companies, would they?
The suspicion will linger in some minds, remembering the tactical switch into local radio and into nothing they would like better. But let us stick to the principle. It

is very simple. Any Canadian or Australian will spell it out to you. A mixed system changes the game. The will of governments to increase the public commitment varies inversely with the proportion of advertising revenue. The more you have to take, the more they will make you dependent upon it.

in Britain the principle that broadcasting outlets should not have to compete for the same source of funds would be abandoned when the first jingle sold the first scapilake on Radio I. The problem for the BBC is that it has already sold the pass on the inviolable licence fee by proposing supplementary charges for the satellite service which it over ambitiously sought to provide.

The BBC is doing too much, because it believes it must do everything. As broadcasting goes it is not notorious for inefficiency but the new dependencies have brought a strain to management as well as to re cources, and to production quality most of all. Sooner or later the BBC governors will have to look at the present staff malaise, which is not just a matter of money. The the BBC is told that it can only have a £10 increase in the licence, with the poisoned chalice of advertising offered as well. There are those in the Corporation who would seize it.

I hope the governors will ask themselves if the BBC really needs to be majority holder in satellite broadcasting, dominant in local radio, controller of all national radio and over half of national television. Is this the moment when selfgovernment might come to the constituent parts of this broadcasting empire? Might radio now be separated from television, with its own licence fee, and a new editorial voice and thrust for technical innovation? Should other activities, like local radio, be kept within the remit of a national corporation,

even a separate one? If the requested licence fec increase to finance "modest" expansion across the board is not forthcoming these questions will have to be faced. Then the pluralist case for public service broadcasting can raise its head, and the defenders of the redistributive principle can speak out. Imported videos ultimaely parasitic upon broadcasting and the cinema, are to our time what the colour television set was to the 1960s. A sales tax upon them, channelled to broadcasting, would enrich the stream which they later divert, as critics of the Films Bill have been quick to point out.

This could be a time for diversity and richness in public service broadcasting. A debate about the licence fee, conducted solely between the Corporation's irredentists and the advertising lobby, does not begin to match the issues involved.

The author was Labour MP for Derby North 1970-83.

Roger Scruton

In mourning for an empty barrel

Edward McKenzie, a tramp who lived in a barrel on a rubbish tip, was befriended by Mr Robert Lenkiewicz who called him, in recognition of his singular habits, Diogenes. Mr McKenzie died six weeks ago at the age of 72. His friend, who is a painter, conceived the plan of embalming him, coating him in acrylic, and displaying him naked in his library, where he would perform the function of "a large

paperweight".
Mr Lenkeiwicz's proposal has met with strong opposition from Plymouth council, which holds itself bound to dispose of bodies according to the statutory requirements of public welfare, and which has therefore threatened Mr Lenkiewicz with legal action under the Public Health Act, 1984. I assume that Mr McKenzie left no instructions in the matter. How, then, should his remains be treated; and to whom (if anyone) does the duty of disposal

A human corpse is the relic of a. human person, and heir to the rights and privileges of the living body. To understand the predicament of Mr McKenzie's corpse, therefore, we should understand the life to which it testifies. In retrospect a human life is like a petition, which we honour at last by conferring dignities and titles on its harmless remainder. For what, then, was Mr McKenzie covertly petitioning in his barrel, and who has the duty to honour and w

It is a measure of the freedom enjoyed by the British citizen that he may still live as a tramp. Over vast areas of the globe a person who decided to live in a barrel would be instantly suspect, accused of "para-sitism", and placed behind barbed wire. For a long time after the invention of the welfare state, good British citizens wondered whether beggars, buskers, tramps and dropouts were still permissible. Should they not be taken into "care"? Should not the state take these people from their misery? "Yes", said the bourgeois conscience, and for a long time "yes" was the received idea.

Fortunately our tramps and beggars have been saved by a singular literary tradition which has constantly reminded us of the value of solitude, and of the natural right of every individual to be unhappy in his own particular way. Beckett ~ perhaps the greatest defender of the validity of tramping - saw the danger over a quarter of a century

Let me tell you this, when social workers offer you, free gratis and for nothing, something to hinder you from swooning, which with them is an obsession, it is useless to recoil, they will pursue you to the ends of the earth, the vomitory in their hands. The Salvation Army is no John Carlin | better. Against the charitable gesture

there is no defence, that I know

of . . . " - Molloy.
It seems, however, that Mr McKenzie had found such a defence. Safe in his barrel, in surroundings that no health inspector would willingly penetrate, he saw the welfare state and its work of abject conformity steadily recede from him. There, in that haven of solitude, Mr McKenzie was free at last to fulfil the most basic human need: the need for a personal unhappiness. And there he discovered companionship - the precious state to which sorrow disposes us, and which has no real place in the great project of universal welfare.

Mr McKenzie's companion is surely, therefore, his true executor, and what better discharge of unspoken obligations than to preserve his corpse in defiance of the requirements of public policy? As a varnished paperweight Mr McKenzie would be honoured and vindicated; as the occupant of a council grave he will testify only to the final triumph of the system against which he so heroically defended himself.

Against the literary tradition that upholds the rights of Mr McKenzie. however, there stands another that denies them: the tradition of utilitarianism, which has effectively neutralized the official conscience throughout the English-speaking world. Mr McKenzie's corpse, the utilitarian will tell us, should be disposed of according to the general requirements of human welfare. after the interests of all have been duly weighed.

That way of thinking - which

abolishes not only Mr McKenzie's rights but also those of everyone who stands in the path of welfare is the natural enemy of human dignity. If we take it seriously then nothing is sacred. In the interests of public health and welfare the dead . should be seized by the authorities at the very moment of their death, and recycled in the form of sausages and pies.

The inventor of the public morality of utilitarianism was granted a privilege that his successors would deny to Mr McKenzie. In a cupboard in University College, London, sits the corpse of Jeremy Bentham, embalmed varnished, and surmounted by a waxen head. On special occasions he is wheeled out to contribute once again to the vain

calculation of the profit and the loss. Contemplating those soft, complaisant features, one cannot help thinking how much better Bentham would have looked, and how much less damage would he have done to human life and institutions, had he spent his life on a rubbish dump, sheltered by nothing more indulgent than a barrel.

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the most problematic category.

Chairman and Chief Executive, Goldcrest Films and Television

From Mr Michael White

51 Holland Street, Kensington, W8.

Sir, I had just finished reading David Plowright's letter to you attacking a proposed levy on films

on television when the Christmas issue of the TV Times and Radio

There are over 120 films being shown on television over the Christmas and new year period, which averages over eight films a day, It is therefore hardly surprising that film makers are arguing for a leavy especially as cinemascular as

levy, especially as cinemagoing is suffering a further decline.

Even with the munificence of Channel 4, it is extremely difficult to

finance films in this country and the

average amount of money paid for a

film by the television companies is

barely enough to make a short. This

coupled with the decline in cinema-

going, leaves the film producer in a

serious position, to the detriment of

It is somewhat ironic that Mr

Plowright uses the films Gandhi and

Chariots of Fire to illustrate the strength of the British film industry

as, without foreign money, perhaps

neither of these films would have been made. It is no secret that

Gandhi took well over 10 years to

The introduction of a levy on films transmitted on television would be instrumental in maintain-

ing the existence of the film industry

the British film industry.

Yours faithfully,

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INDIAN WINTER

By any standards, watching India practise its democracy presents an impressive and awesome spectacle. With less than a week to go before two days of voting over Christmas, the whole country is in the grip of electioneering already, with nearly 5,000 candidates from more than a dozen main parties traversing the sub continent and trailing many more than a dozen political promises for the millions of votes they need.

And by any standards India's example is unarguable evidence that a free and fair vote can be held in a Third World state, Yet that practice and that example aside, what worries many Indians is that this exercise might also be a demonstration that elections will not necessarily

change anything.
India needs change. Its need has never been greater. In Europe, 1984 has produced its problems, but it has produced for India the worst year since independence. Before the election campaigning started, it had witnessed "the coldblooded killing of hundreds of Hindus by Sikh terrorists, the storming of the Golden Temple, the resulting deaths of more than a thousand soldiers and militant Sikhs, the assassination of Mrs Gandhi and the subsequent communal madness that shook the north. Each event led inexorably to the next, culminating in the bitter alienation of the Sikh community. This month the tragedy in Bhopal was added to that list.

What this catalogue clearly suggests is that the state of India

rise of unchecked religious fundamentalism has cut at the roots of its secular identity. Haphazard economic policies and regulations have retarded development whilst encouraging bribery and inefficiency. Worst of all, the conversion of the once envigorating party system in to a cabal of corrupt men has left the country prey to the exploitation of politicians who are not above using its rifts for their own mercenary ends. Only swift and far reaching changes in the character of India's covenants

can heal these wounds. It was against this backdrop that elections were announced last month. At once they appeared to offer the possibility of a fresh start. An era had ended with Mrs Gandhi, a new dawn would therefore be around the corner. That at least was the hope but as the campaigning has progressed, the performance of India's aspiring politicians suggests that the turning point is being missed and that the country is destined to continue on the old crooked road. This now seems to be the reality. So where does the fault lie?

Perhaps the first disappointment is with the new prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi. Much had been expected of his youthful age, his newness and his vaunted desire to drag India into the twenty first century. In the wake of his mother's murder he could have attempted and got away with almost anything. But, instead of cleansing his party of the inefficient and corrupt he has merely whitewashed it. A few have been dropped but many are is beginning to crack open and retained. Meanwhile, his election that the fissures run deep. The rhetoric feeds off the prevalent

insecurities of India, exciting fears of potential domestic and external threats, while ignoring the real sectarian splits that divide the country. So whereas Rajiv Gandhi was to have been the beacon of a better tomorrow, he seems instead to have become the channel for the continuation of the past.

For their part, the opposition are once more betraying whatever hopes were invested in them, Since 1980 they have promised and failed to unify their splintered ranks. Now, with Mrs Gandhi's death, they were faced with a make or break situation, Events could; have galvanised them into a credible alliance, If they had succeeded in moulding one, they could possibly have been on the path to victory. But they are not and the chance of real change that would have represented has been lost. Instead the individual ambition of selfish old men has yet again triumphed over the needs of the nation each of them so desperately wants to govern.

It is therefore a sombre and passionless India that is readying itself to vote. Sensing this, politicians of every hue are jumping aboard the Bhopal bandwagon, outbidding each other in their expressions of sympathy. Once more a tragedy is being diverted for a political gain. But it is too little, because the Indian voter has already seen through these over-used shenanigans, and too late because the damage to Indian politics, like the devastation in Bhopal, has already been done and the opportunity to reverse it is slipping away.

MR CORBYN'S GAFFE

Anyone who shares the moral sensibility of the vast majority of British citizens will despise and condemn the action of Mr Jeremy Corbyn, the Labour MP for Islington, in inviting two convicted terrorists associated with the IRA to the House of Commons. Mr Michael Cocks, Labour's Chief Whip, voiced the common opinion inside and outside Parliament when he said yesterday that he was "appalled and shocked" by what Mr Corbyn had done. The fact that the visit took place only six weeks after the murders by bombing at the Conservative Party Conference did no more than illuminate the insensitivity of an invitation which would have been reprehensible whenever it was issued. Mr Corbyn, who has publicly declared his support for Sinn Fein (an organization whose "Troops Out" demonstration he has assisted in London) has declared that he "can see no reason why a representative (of the movement) should not visit the House of Commons". If he cannot see that now, there is very little that anyone else can do to give him

the required moral vision. This said, however, there appears to be little in the incident which raises new security considerations at Westminster. Mr Corbyn's two visitors. Mr Gerard McLoughlin, who has served a gaol sentence in England for conspiracy to cause so. Over recent decades, the explosions, and Miss Linda formerly relaxed intercourse

Quigley, who was imprisoned for bomb and firearm offences in Ulster, both passed through the electronic scanning machines on entering the Palace of Westminster, as every visitor now must. Beyond the Central Lobby, moreover, a visitor has to be escorted by a Member of Parliament, as were Mr McLoughlin and Miss Quigley. It is true that a general member of the public who, having reached the Central Lobby, declares that he wishes to visit the public seats in one of the Committee rooms (where, say, a Bill is in progress) can be directed to it unaccompanied. But he or she has to pass successive police points on the way at which he is funnelled in the right direction.

It would, however, be quite impractical (even if it were politically desirable, which it is not) to debar certain categories of people from the House of Commons since admission to the public gallery rightly takes no account of the opinions and reputations of visitors, but only on their behaviour on the premises. How, indeed, could it be otherwise so long as the public galleries are genuinely galleries for the public? Moreover, well over 700,000 visitors a year come to the Houses of Parliament, to galleries, committees, functions and so on, and it is valuable that they should do so. Over recent decades, the

between people in public life and members of the public has, alas, had to be constrained. We now have to live with passes, barriers and scanners because of terrorist threats. But it is important that security, as well as being adequate, should not be more constraining than is necessary. There is no reason for it to be tighter than it is at Westminster if Members and others there behave responsibly. As for Mr Corbyn, he can be

left to the moral judgment of his peers in Parliament. To say that he should not have invited these two persons to Westminster is not to suggest any bar on convicted felons who have served their sentences and expiated their offence. It is merely a recognition of the folly of bringing to Westminster people who have had connection with an organization dedicated to its struggle against parliamentary democracy by murder and the bomb, and who have not given any sign of changing their opinions. It is on this point that Mr Corbyn will be found wanting by MPs of all parties. but there is nothing they can do about it. The only people empowered to do anything are those who have the responsibility of selecting and electing him to Parliament. It would be democratically reassuring if they remembered this incident when Mr Corbyn's tenure next comes

A BREATHING SPACE FOR THE ARTS

The health of the living arts in ment of bureaucrats, and yearn Britain has long ago ceased, in the public and political consciousness, to be measured in terms of number of new plays put on the boards or tonnage of new sculpture unveiled. The vital figure is the one announced by the Government yesterday: the level at which the Arts Council's grant is to be set for the coming year. If the grant rises by more than the current rate of inflation (as is again the case this year), then the arts are in a thriving condition: if it fails to, then the hosts of the Philistines are held to have overrun the land. It is a reductive mode of assessment, dictated by a method of financing which guarantees a constant whine of dissatisfaction from lobbyists, aggrieved at the Government and at one another. Ministers for the Arts and Chairmen of the Arts Council soon discover, like Ministers of Health, that all they ever find themselves talking

about is money. After the Minister's Christmastide announcement, the Arts Council broods until springtime on how to allocate its grant to its numerous and plaintive charges. The baggling of special interests is thresome and somewhat factitious, but doubtless the hubbub in the antechamber of the Medici was no more edifying: the business of patronage necessarily implies the clash of rival claims and gnashing of teeth among the disappointed. Artists naturally resent finding their fortunes

dependent on the cold judge-

for syndicalism: but one can count on it that they would find themselves at least as resentful of the warm judgements of fellowartists.

As the new leadership of the Arts Council have quickly found, a bureaucratic largesse is circumscribed by greater constraints than the dispensations of aristocratic patrons were. The arts in general, and individual enterprises in particular, can increasingly count on a vocal constituency of supporters, ensuring that no company of strolling players will simply pack up their props and stroll away without protest if dismissed

This is not unhealthy, though it may be frustrating, especially in connection with the council's proclaimed strategy of shifting its patronage away from London to give greater support to the provinces. The strategy is correct in the long run, and indeed is only a continuation of a trend pursued since its earliest days. But it is not good policy to endanger successful existing enterprises to promote the hypothetical achievements of untried ones before hypothetical audiences. A steady pace is better than a dash at all costs.

It must be tempting for a government with predispositions like the present one to conclude that the lobbyists' claims could be better sorted out in the market-place rather than in the corridors of power. In fact it has been wisely pragmatic in accept- already so small in international ing that a measure of subsidy is terms.

essential to the arts, whose product at the innovative end has historically proved too fragile often to thrive in the market-place. Direct state subsidy in Britain is exceptionally low among developed countries (in France it is five times higher, per capita, and even in the USA it is twice as high). Indirect earnings through tourism and cultural exports make it good policy not to clip the wings of the arts more closely.

In the last ten years business sponsorship in Britain has risen markedly, and the Government's enlightened incentives scheme may help to revive a growth which has shown some signs of faltering. But the sharpest difference between Britain and the USA in this area is in the level of individual support, through subscriptions and friends' associations. The difference is directly related to the very large tax incentives provided in the USA for activity of this kind. The government there unlike ours foregoes in tax far more than it contributes directly in subsidies to the arts. But in our system, already overburdened with distortions, a very strong case would have to be made out to justify movement in that direction - and also guarantees, unlikely to be forthcoming, that any additional rewards won by the arts from the public, would

not be clawed back through cuts

in the level of direct subsidy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wider national interest at Stansted

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been no reference to the interests of

the customer. It has been a

fundamental feature of Government

policy that more attention should be

paid to the needs of the customer in

all sectors of commerce. The

inspector has again considered the

needs of the customer and he has found that those needs are best met

by the provision of substantially

more airport capacity for London

British airlines and British airports

there is no option but to provide for airport capacity in the area of the country to which they wish to fly,

and that is the London area. If this is

not done the customer will elect to

over-fly to another capital like Paris.

favour development of airport

capacity in the South-east over the next fifteen years will be a decision which ignores the interests of the

customers and ignores the oppor-

tunity for the air transport industry

to create jobs and earn more foreign

currency. In what way could such a

decision be consistent with any

Government policy objective?

ADAM THOMSON, Chairman,

British Caledonian Airways Ltd.

Sir. Your leader today, "Stansted can wait" (December 11), calls for

"All logic cries out for the fifth terminal" (at Heathrow), says the leader. What logic? Hundreds of

thousands of west Londoners have

suffered for years from the noise disturbance of Heathrow and from the often intolerable traffic conges-

tion which this vast airport incurs.

A fourth terminal is in process of

The equation is simple. On the

one hand, the interests of a relatively

few. very vocal and, one suspects, predominantly middle-class dwellers

around Stansted, who have never

suffered any real inconvenience; on

thousands of west Londoners who

have already suffered years of

Essex, a great many of whom commute daily to London, take

to cope with the increased traffic

using the crossing as the rest of the

However, what cannot easily be

improved is the capacity of the

tunnels themselves to cope with

future levels of motorway traffic and

am afraid that Mr Nicholson's plea

for the immediate abolition would,

by the attraction of even more

traffic, only bring forward the time

when serious congestion could be a

regular feature of conditions at the

The councils have been pressing

the Department of Transport for

some time now to undertake an

urgent study of the need to provide

would hope that the debate on tolls

is not allowed to cloud the real issue.

ROBERT DANIELS, Chairman,

Dartford Tunnel Joint Committee, Tunnel Offices,

council is a model which other

government should, from stime to

time, review funding priorities for

overseas as well as United Kingdom

activity. It is to be hoped, however,

that the British Council which, along

with others, has suffered quite

substantial cuts in the latest review

will be given appropriately high priority for funding. It promotes the

British interest to the world in a

unique way and for a country which

depends so much on the export of its

goods and technology the invest-ment is wholly worth while. The

council has done much to build necessary bridges between Britain and the cultures of North and South.

In the fast-changing world in which we live, where the headlines

of the morning can be memories by

the evening, it is all too easy to forget the need for old bridges to be

maintained and new ones built.

Royal Agricultural Society of

Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.

Yours sincerely.

proved.

G. H. JACKSON.

Agricultural Director.

It is entirely right and proper that

organizations could well emulate.

Yours sincerely.

South Orbital Way.

Dartford,

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12 Linver Road, Parsons Green, SW6.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES BOYES.

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or Amsterdam.

Yours faithfully,

Caledonian House,

December 12.

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tal consideration,

Crawley. West Sussex.

From Mr James Boyes

From the Chairman of British Caledonian Airways

Sir, Any reading of the newspapers over the last two days could lead one to the conclusion that the debate about the national airports policy is concerned principally with the protection of the countryside and environmental issues mainly connected with aircraft noise.

The inspector, Mr Graham Eyre, has dealt with both these issues in his report. He recognised the problem but has argued that the environmental issues are not sufficient to justify the rejection of expansion at Stansted,

There are other issues which, in the national context, are very much more important which have also been addressed by Mr Eyre, It is perhaps necessary to remind your readers of these issues so that the debate about future airports policy does take into account the issues that are important to the nation.

First, air transport is a thriving and growing industry in Britain. Recent growth has been rapid and substantial further growth is predicted. The industry has an excellent record both in employment and excellent record in earning foreign currency and in bringing to this country large numbers of foreign visitors who have materially ben-efited our balance of trade.

For the industry to continue this excellent record, and in particular for it to create substantial numbers of new jobs in the future, there needs to be adequate airport capacity throughout Britain but particularly in the South-east. The inspector has identified very clearly when existing airport resources will be exhausted even if the arbitrary limit of air transport movements at Heathrow is

Second, some papers suggest that development of airports in the Midlands, the North, and in Scotland can in some way replace the development of further facilities in the South-east. Airports away from the South-east are all developing strongly, not just because there is a political will for them to develop but because there is a strong demand for air transport which is being met by the development policies of those

All the projections are that the growth of both scheduled and charter services at airports away from the South-east will continue. It will be necessary for those airports to be developed - and BCal strongly supports this principle - but in no way should this further development reduce the capacity requirements in the South-east. Both can and should

Third, and most important, in the newspapers there appears to have

Dartford Tunnel

From the Chairman of the Dartford . M25-comes on stream. Mr Nicholson's letter

(December 3) raises an important point when he talks about traffic congestion at Dartford Tunnel negating the benefits of the M25. The Essex and Kent county councils, which are jointly

responsible for the tunnel, have been anxious to ensure that the river crossing does not cause a bottleneck on this important orbital route and were able to build the second tube a few years ago without any financial contribution from either their ratepayers or taxpayers. Mr Nicholson rightly identifies

the toll collection as the primary cause of present delays at the tunnel although I would require convincing that the frequency and degree of congestion are such as to cause the return of through traffic back into

central areas like Highgate. The councils are using Government moneys to double the number of tollbooths and these will be able

British Council cuts

From Mr G. H. Jackson Sir. The public is very properly

concerned at the erosion of the structure of rural society in many developing countries - part of the desperate problems facing them in the struggle for life of primarily rural communities.

Charitable and international aid organizations are grappling with immediate situations, but in the longer run it is through the development of the individual skills and knowledge of the people in those countries that the best prospects for progress lie.

The Royal Agricultural Society of England has been concerned in this field of activity within United Kingdom agriculture for almost 150 years and in co-operation with others is increasingly involved in similar work overseas.

We receive in our work great help and collaboration from the British Council and over the years have been impressed with the sensitivity, perception and effectiveness of the council as an organization. In the agricultural field of activity the

Sir, Frank Perring's letter (Decem-

ber 10) raises the issue of pesticide

vapour drift and its hazard to

wildlife. The evaporation of volatile

application of any agro-chemical.

are also of concern to farmers and

Risks of vapour drift

From Mr Nigel Dudley

market gardeners.

not nacommon.

It should also legislate that accurate records of spraying are kept, so that the source of drift damage is more easily traceable. At present it can take up to seven years for a grower to get compensation. even if the source of damage is

pesticides from a crop, and the even Spray and vapour drift is particugreater risk of spray drift during larly important to the growing number of organic farmers, whose customers are specifically seeking food free of any chemical residue, Every year growers lose crops because of pesticide drift from neighbouring land and costs running either through personal choice or because of specific allergy problems. As long as the careless approach to into tens of thousands of pounds are application is allowed to continue, it is virtually impossible to give them this option.

The new regulations in the Food and Environment Protection Bill. Yours sincerely currently passing through the House NIGEL DUDLEY of Lords, should stipulate that spray Soil Association Ltd. equipment is registered and include provisions for spot checks and fines Wainut Tree Manor, Haughley, for faulty machinery to reduce the Stowmarket. proportion of unsafe sprayers in Suffolk. December 10.

Monetary returns on a film levy

From the Chairman Goldcrest Films and Television Limited

Sir, I do not disagree with many of the points made by Mr David Plowright (December 12) representing the Independent Television Companies Association. However, he speaks as if the proposed future film levy would be an onerous burden on ITV. This is not the case.

Perhaps a few facts would be useful.
It is difficult to know precisely how much ITV pays for its films. We at Goldcrest estimate that the ITV system shows about 360 films a year, that is, approximately one for each day, Of these films about 90 are so-called "first-run films", that is, they are being shown for the first time, and of these films about 10 per cent are Points. cent are British.

We estimate that ITV pays around £250,000 for each first-run film and therefore let us assume that the total film purchases of the ITV system are around £25 million.

A small levy of, say, 5 per cent would raise £1,25 million. It is arguable whether this would be a cost to the broadcasters or would in effect become a cost to the producers. Even if the full cost fell to the broadcasters, which I very much doubt, then the net cost after the ITV levy and tax to the ITV system would be about £250,000, and hence the average ITV company would suffer a penalty of only £25,000 after tax, it hardly seems worth fighting a major battle over such a paltry sum. There are much more serious issues

facing ITV.

Despite the small cost to the broadcasters, the effect on British producers could be significant if the £1.25 million levy were redistributed to the 10 per cent of films that were British; then the additional revenue from television would be raised by £120,000 or by 50 per cent on average. This would be particularly significant for the low-budget British

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL WHITE. Michael White Limited, 13 Duke Street, 5t James's, SW1.

in this country.

finance.

Schoolgirl promiscuity From Mrs Victoria Gillick

Sir, it was with a depressing sense of deja ru that I read the letter (December 10) by eight women journalists of the Mirror Group Newspapers as they expounded their now well-known solution to the growing social and medical problem

of schoolgirl promiscuity.

It was in the early sixties, as a college student, that I first became aware that our parents were being publicly vilified in the press, television and films as "squares" and out of touch with the new swinging era of sexual liberation that had begun to mesmerize and enguli the younger generation with the mindless and self-indulgent chorus of "we're doing our own thing!"

Now, 20 years on, these same ardent, if ageing, "Lily the pinks" in the world of female journalism are to be seen hard at work again, promoting this dangerous philosophy to schoolchildren. By appealing to their basic appetites, they are training them to become good, unquestioning consumers in this

new, lucrative, child-centred sexual Their present attempt to mask these endeavours by terms of supposed "compassion", cannot

expunge from their literary past their consistent efforts in this respect. Everyone must surely know that

all under-age girls are "vulnerable"; and all will become "disadvantaged" once promiscuity and disease rob them of their youth and their educational chances. Hence the law that protects them from sexual harassment whilst they are still

under school-leaving age.

As a parent of young teenage children myself. living in a less than perfect world, I am continually aware that this steady erosion of the status of parenthood, by those who still cling to the discredited fashions of a foolhardy era, is making the survival of the family as a conesive unit well nigh impossible. Yours faithfully

VICTORIA GILLICK, Wisbech, December 10.

Dubious images

From Mr Philip Venning

Sir. The long programme of conserving the magnificent west front of Wells Cathedral is nearly over. Sadly one of the final acts will be a piece of senseless, determined and destructive meddling with what is generally agreed to be one of the finest collections of medieval figure sculpture anywhere. Plans are now far advanced to add new and historically questionable statues to the most prominent position in the whole assembly. This is being done without any attempt at public consultation. A work of art of the first importance is now at risk.

Crowning the west front is a central gable, consisting of three niches flanked by quatrefoils. Until recently the principal niche conained the lower part of an original figure of Christ in Majesty, the top having been lost in antiquity. The other niches and quatrefoils have been empty since records began.

In the fund-raising appeal it was announced that the remnants of the Christ statue would be replaced by a new carving "in the same spirit" as the original. This new statue is virtually finished. In addition the sculptor, Mr David Wynne, has also been commissioned to produce two

Passing of exams

Sir, This week Channel 4 broadcast an interview in which Sir Keith Joseph, speaking of the new GCSE examination, referred. • he has done previously, to what he regards as the current practice at GCE O level of passing a predetermined percentage of the candidates.

Sir Keith should really know better than to repeat this popular

From Mr R. A. Whelpton

myth: not only have representatives of examining boards frequently denied that this bappens, but to my certain knowledge Her Majesty's Inspectors have attended award meetings and have been satisfied that it is the quality of work and nothing else which determines an Olevel grade.

For someone like myself, who, as chief examiner in French for one of the biggest examining boards, has been responsible for recommending grades for well over a quarter of a million candidates. Sir Keith's constant reiteration of this untruth is galling.

For the many candidates at present waiting for November O-level results, and for future candidates, not to mention their parents. it must be extremely worrying. Surely Sir Keith owes it to them, if not to myself and my colleagues, to correct the false impression he gives. Yours faithfully.

R. A. WHELPTON, 25 Hardebury Way, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham. Gloucestershire.

six-winged seraphim to be placed in the niches adjoining the new Christ. While we recognize that there is an artistic and theological argument for a more positive representation of Christ, we would nevertheless have preferred to have seen the medieval sculpture, battered and fragmented though it is, conserved in situ. New carving, however inspired and

skilled the sculpture, is at best a

Morris called "a feeble and lifeless

crude substitute, at worst what

Even more worrying is the proposal for the flanking angels. The evidence that the niches ever contained sculpture is debatable: the identity of what it might have been firmly in the realms of scholarly speculation. Even at this late stage there seems to be confusion about the correct iconography. The result, however well-intentioned, can only be guesswork.

Yours faithfully PHILIP VENNING, Secretary, The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. 37 Spital Square. E1.

Lest we forget From Mrs R. Palliser

Sir. Mr Evkyn (December 11) has been sadly misinformed. The flame on the Theodor-Heuss-Platz in West Berlin is not meant to be eternal. That particular flame was meant to burn only until the two Germanies

Now, with the realisation that this is unlikely ever to come about, the flame still has to remain because of the outery its extinguishing would cause, and so it burns up millions of DM-worth of gas in a useless

The soil collected from the concentration camps "rests" at the Plotzensee Memorial, in West

Yours faithfully, R. PALLISER, Cosy Nook, Salisbury Road, Hertfordshire December II.

Age of chivalry

From Mrs Alma Dax Sir. The other day I took the Tube at Knightsbridge and, as the compart-ment was full, I stood. To my surprise a Chelsea pensioner in his scarlet uniform got up and insisted I took his seat, saying: "It will do you good to sit down".

You would have thought that at the sight of this gentleman getting up for me everyone would have stood up, but no one stirred and the gallant gentleman stood.

I may add I am 91 and disabled! Yours sincerely, ALMA DAX. 48 Knightsbridge Court.

Sloane Street, SW I. December 8.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 17: The Duke of
Gloucester, President, National
Association of Boys' Clubs, this evening attended a dinner to mark the launching of the Association's Diamond Jubilee Year 1985 at the Mansion House, London EC4. Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance,

The Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at the Westminster Christmas Appeal Trust's presentation of The Story of Christmas at St George's Church, Hanover Square, London W1, and afterwards attended a reception held at Sotheby's. New Bond Street. Mrs Michael Wigley was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE December 17: Princess Alexandri was present this evening at a gala performance of the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk, in aid of the National Playing Fields Association, at Richmond Theatre, Surrey. Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance. Forthcoming

marriages

NIr R. H. A. Southby and Miss N. C. W. Janson

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Lieutenant Commander P. H. J. and Lady Anne Southby, of Blandford Forum, Dorset, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Janson, of London and the Isle of Wight.

Mr G. D. Alchin and Miss C. L. Cooper

The engagement is announced between Gordon David, son of Mr Peter Alchin and the Hon Mrs Juliet Alchin, of Parkstone, Clenches Farm Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, and Carolyn Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Cooper, of 11 Minsterley, Great Lumley, Chester-le-Street, co

Mr H. D. Austin and Miss S. M. Hetherington The engagement is announced between Hamish, only son of Mr and Mrs D. H. Austin, of Windlesham, Surrey, and Suzanne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. J. W. Hetherington, of New Malden, Surrey.

Nir C. I. J. Sanderson and Miss E. H. Rickards

Architects'

NIr Larry Rolland, past-presi-dent of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, will be

the next president of the Royal

Institute of British Architects

director of architecture and civic

design at the Greater London Council by 6.910 votes to 2,991.

Ballot papers were returned by 36 per cent of the institute's

28,000 British and overseas

making the institute more

responsive to its members

Mr Rolland campaigned for

(Charles Knevitt writes). He beat Mr Peter Jones.

president

The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Brigadier and Mrs C. H. Sanderson, of Wargrave, Berkshire, and Emma. inger daughter of the late Mr A. Rickards and of Mrs A. J. Rickards. of Wokingham. Berkshire. The marriage will take place quietly owing to the death of the bride's father.

Princess Anne, President of the British Olympic Association, will attend the British National/Army Nordic Ski Championships in Zwiersel, Bayerischewald, South Germany from February 3-6.
Princess Anne. Colonel-in-Chief. 14th/20th King's Hussars, will visit her regiment in Hohne, West Germany from February 6-8.

Princess Anne will attend the Chelsea Clinical Society's dinner meeting at the Berkeley Hotel, on February 12. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the première of Ordeal by Innocence, in aid of King George's Fund for Sailors, at

the Classic, Haymarket on February Prince Alexandra will be present at a

reception given by the Arts Council of Great Britain and IBM United Kingdom to mark the opening of the Renoir exhibition at the Hayward Gallery on January 28.

A memorial service for Emeritus Professor Robert Whelan. Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool University, will be held on Saturday, January 26, 1985, at 2.30 pm in Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, St James Mount Liverpool 1. Mr F. M. Bacon and Miss M. M. Mac Daid

and Phass M., M. Plac Daid
The engagement is announced between Francis, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. A. Bacon, of Halton, Lancaster, and Moira. younger daughter of the late Mr J. A. Mac Daid and of Mrs M. K. Mac Daid, of Derry, Northern Ireland. Mr E. F. K. Hutton and Miss C. M. A. Grant

The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hutton, of Aldwick Bay, West Sussex (formerly of Woldingham, Surrey), and Cathe-rine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Airth Grant, of London, SW6.

Mr K. T. McGaan and Miss P. A. Fielding

The engagement is announced between Kevin, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. J. McGann, of Cambridge, and Pameia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. C. Fielding, of Bickley,

Mr A. J. B. Mitchell

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. B. Mitchell of Eaton Terrace. London SWI, and Sharon, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D. B. Bennett, of Fforestfach, Swansea, Wales

Mr M. Precious and Miss A. L. H. Brookfield and Miss A. L. H. Brookneta
The engagement is announced
between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs
B. Precious, of The Worsley Arms,
Hovingham, Yorkshire, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. G.
H. Brookfield, of Hesworth Grange,
Fittleworth, Sussex.

Birthdays today Sir Neville Ashenheim, 84; Sir Brian Sir Neville Ashemielin, 64; 3ir biran Baisford, 74; Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, 61; Herr Willy Brandt, 71; Sir Hugh Fraser, 48; Lieutenant-Commander I, E. Fras-Lieutenani-Commander I. E. Fras-er, VC. 64: Mr Christopher Fry, 77; Miss Rosemary Leach. 49: Miss Annette Page. 52: Mr Merlyn Rees, MP. 64: Lord Robens of Wolding-ham, 74; Major-General Sir Regi-nald Scoones, 84: Mr Joe Wade. 65; the Right Rev R. Williamson, 52.

Bridge trials date

The second weekend of the British Bridge League's trials to determine the open and women's teams to represent Britain in the Common Market championships in Bordeaux in April will take place on January 4-6 at the Grand Hotel Birming-hami

ham;
The leaders in the open trials with
their carry-forward scores are:
B Shenkin, W Coyle 169; B J Lodge, A R
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123's; V Goltberg, G Cathbortson 116's; K
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Westers 108b; D R J J & Buckland, B
Westers 108b; D W Price, G Dockworth
100:

Latest appointments Mr Geoffrey Martin to be Head of

the European Community's Press and Information Services in Southcast Asia,

Mr Bill Griffiths, chief probation officer in Northern Ireland, to be director of the National Council for Voluntary Organizations from January 2, 1985.

responsive to its members, providing better support for practices and giving the profession a higher profile. He will take up the post in the summer.

Dr Stephen Winkley, Warden of the Sixth Form Centre at Cranleigh School, to be Second Master and Master-in-College at Winchester College, from September 1985.

The most romantic gift of fragrance a man can give a woman.



L'Air du Temps NINA RICCI

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Hampton Court Palace, given in honour of Mr M. S. Fauce, given in honour of Mr M. S. Gorbachov, member of the Politicus and Secretary of the Central Committee of the CPSU, and Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Council of the Union of the USSR Supreme Soviet, and Mrs Gorbachov.

Reception

Westminster Christmas Appeal

The Duchess of Gloucester was

present at a reception and preview of the Christmas exhibition las of the Christmas exhibition last night at Sotheby's Bond Street gallery given by the Trustees of the Westminster Christmas Appeal.

She was received by the President of the Appeal and Lady Harlech, the Hon Angus Ogilvy, Miss Jan Leeming (president of the reception committee), Mr Peter Wilson and Mrs Tessa Kilgour (chairman of the reception committee). The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were present. Among

Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminister were present Among those present were:

The Patron of the Westminister Christmass the Christmass of the capital trial and Min Gerald Powelt. The chairman of the appeal trial and Min Gerald Powelt. The chairman of the appeal committee and Mis Christopher Benson, the chairman of the organizing committee and Min Philin Gay. The Hon Tressurer of the appeal and the Hon Ledy Horocrar the British Property Federal Hon Lady Harry Adon.

Dinners

National Association of Boy's Clubs The Duke of Gloucester, President of the National Association of Boy's Clubs, was the guest of honour at a dinner held at the Mansion House yesterday to launch the association's diamond jubilee. The Lord Mayor and Lord Mayor and Lord Mayor and Lord Mayor association's and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs Greville Spratt, attended. The Duke of Mariborough presided and the other guests included:
The Duchess of Mariborough. Mr and Mrs
Tony Carrett, Mr and Mrs Rudolph Agnew,
Mr and Mrs Rupert Hambre, Mr and Mrs
Charles Rawlinson. Mr and Mrs Frankle
Yauphan, Sir Bernard and Lady Scott and
Mr and Mrs Davisk Herris.

National Sporting Club

National Sporting Club
The National Sporting Club held a
boxing dinner at Orosvenor House
last night at which Mr Trevor
Brooking was the guest of honour.
Mr Jarvis Astaire was in the chair
and the other speakers were Mr
Danny Blanchflower. Mr Alan
Simpson and Mr Kenneth Wolstenholms. secretary.

Bird survey counts winter visitors

ers began a comprehensive survey at the weekend of the 9.062 miles of non-estuarine British coastline where birds from as far away as Greenland and Siberia come to spend the winter.

About two million birds migrate to Britain every year, and among the species to be included in the survey, orga-nized by the British Trust for Ornithology, are oysterchatchers, purple sandpipers, turnstones, eiders and grey herons.

Results will be fed into the Prime computer based at the BTO in Tring Herts. Further information is available from Mr Mike Moser or Mr Tim Davis at Tring (044282) 3461.

Latest wills

Dr John Robinson, of Arnelisse, North Yorkshire, Bishop of Woolwich 1959-69, whose controversial book *Honest to God*, sold more than a million copies in 12 languages, left estate valued at £145.622 net. Mr James Picton Evans George, of Orleton. Shropshire. farmer, left estate valued at £1,151,717 net. After various bequests he left half the residue equally between the British Red Cross Society, the the residue equally between the British Red Cross Society, the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, left personal legacies totalling Marie Curie Memorial Foundation.

An alien h fe firm wondering

how to become a successful

parasite on an earth creature

would be well advised to study

heterotoma, a parasitic wasp.

The wasp lay sits eggs through the body wall of fly larvae.

No outward sign dis-

tinguishes the usurped larva

from an undisturbed one, but

all the while a young wasp, instead of a fly, is growing

Two entomologists from the

University of Michigan, Dr R. M. and Dr T. M. Rizki, now

have some information on how

Somehow the wasp must

disarm just those of the larva's

defences directed against it-

self. The others must be left

intact to allow the usurped

larva to ward off attacks from

bacteris and viruses and so

Normally, when a small foreign body, such as a wasp's

egg, is injected into the larva's body cavity, specific blood

cells, called lamellocytes, wrap

themselves around it the

foreign body is encapsulated and rendered harmless.

inside the larva's skip.

the wasp does it.

reach maturity.

Alan Stuart, statistician. Huli Honorary degrees of doctor of

Western Australia; Professo

An artist's impression of how the Mary Rose will be displayed after being righted.

Mary Rose to be moved

to rest on even keel

From a new viewers' gallery designed to

Taylor Woodrow Construction has won the

£450,000 contract for the nine-month project, which is to begin in the new year. The object will be to cut away the barge and lower the hull, slide

the hull in its cradle to the north end of the dock

and then complete the rotation to upright

Britannia

passing-out parade

The Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Stanford,

took the salute at the passing-out parade last Thursday when the following officers under training passed out from Britannia Royal

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eliminate the worst of the queues, three hours

long at times, visitors will have a cutaway "doll's house view" of the ship with its various decks

and cabin structures,

JUNE-JULY *** (1997)

The hull of the Tudor warship Mary Rose is to

be moved again so that for the first time since the pride of Henry VIII's fleet went down in the

even keel, the Mary Rose Trust announced

yesterday. When the hull was salvaged in 1982, it was

kept at the 60 degree angle at which it had settled on the seabed in order to minimize stress. It has remained at that angle in a steel cradle

lying on a pontoon barge in no 3 dock at

Portsmouth naval base, where, until the base was

closed to the public after the Brighton bombing it had attracted just under 500,000 visitors.

destructive strains imposed by the present cradle

while enabling restoration work to begin, including the replacement of about 3,000 timbers

removed during the salvage operation; and it will

make the Mary Rose much more recognizably a

University news

ship than a wreck.

Cambridge

University election

Professor A. G. Gross, MA. PhD. of Trinity Hall, AM (Harvard), Litt D

(East Anglia), Roberts Professor of Russian, Leeds University, has been elected into the professorship of Slavonic studies from October 1.

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Official fellowalds for three years from October I: R Wardy.
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D C Hogan, of Winchester College.
DARWIN COLLEGE
Smon Schaffer, PhD. university locturer in the history of science, to an official

The Court of Governors elected the

following as honorary fellows of the London School of Economics and

MARCH-JUNE

Moving the hull opright will ease potentially

Soleut more than 400 years ago it will rest on an

Mr Ken Essex-Crosby, divisional director of British Aerospace; Professor Mary Brenda Hesse. rolessor of philosophy of science at Cambridge University: The Hon Miriam Louisa Rothschild, ento-

Dr John R. Presley BA. PhD. reader in economics, has been appointed to a personal chair in the department of economics. He will also be ippointed on January I as the firs Director of the Loughborough University Banking Centre, the new teaching and research centre on banking and the domestic and international financial system. Readerships The following semior lecturers have been

The following symmetric income as a special readers of the problem Grants level of research funding for

1983-84 rose by nearly a quarter over the previous year, the university's annual accounts show.

The 1983-84 figure was Political Science:

Mr Etienne Dalemont. French industrialist: Professor Ragnhild M Hatton, historian; Sir Arthur Knight, industrialist: Mr Hasmukh Parekh, leading financial and industrial figure in India: Professor Gordon Stanley Reid, the Governor

Harden School of Economics and university 3 annual accounts snow. The 1983-84 figure was \$4,836,000. compared with \$3,905,000 for 1982-83 and \$2,213,000 for the previous year. Over the three-year period research grants and contracts from government departments more than doubled to £1,062,000.

Distressed Gentlefolks Aid Associbetween the Cancer Research Campaign, RNLI and NSPCC. ation, the General Hospital, Here-ford, the County Hospital, Here-ford, and the Nuffield Hospital, Other estates include (net, before tax paid): Hellewell, Mr Frank Wharton, of Dr Robert Press, of Northwood, London, nuclear physicist who was Gomersal, West Yorshire, retired solicitor £270,726 Horsfield, Doris Winifred Mary, of Deputy Sceretary, Science and Technology, Cabinet Office 1974-76, left estate valued at £283,960 New Milton, Hampshire ... £218,441 Klein, Mrs Constance Beatrice, of Mrs Lilian Elizabeth St. John Verdin, Lady Margaret Helen, of Tattenhall, Cheshire.......£331,367

Science report

Clues to wasps that trick flies

By Judy Redfearn

But the eggs of *L hetero-toma* somebow escape that fate. The Rizkis have found that the injection of a L heterotoma egg disrupts lamel-locytes without harming other the antics of Leptopilina types of defensive blood cell. The two emtomologists experimented with larvae from

a mutant strain of the Drosophila fly whose lamellocytes are overactive: not only do they encapsulate foreign bodies, they can also be made to adhere to each other, so forming easily visible black ramorous masses. When L heterotoma eggs are injected into the larvae, however, the eggs are not encapsulated and the lamelloctyes stop sticking

The researchers found that the lamellocytes had elongated and changed their surface properties. After a while, structural material began to extrude from their ends and eventually, they disintegrated completely. But the other cells of the larva's immune system were unharmed. They showed no loss of ability to attack bacteria and viruses.

What is it about L heterotoma eggs that has such a remarkable effect on the larva's immune system? The eggs themselves are not in fact to blame. The Rizki findings were that the culprit is a substance which the female wasp injects into the larva

in a particular gland belonging to the female wasp's reproductive apparatus. This chemi-cal or group of chemical seems to act like a "magic bullet", attacking only the lamello-Its method is yet to be

discovered but one tempting possibility is that it is an antibody: a protein with "jaws" specifically designed to grasp a specific "antigen" appearing only on lamello-If that is so, it would be a most fascinating case of a

creature using a defensive system, normally found only in higher organisms, not as a defence but as an aggressive weapon.
Source: Proceedings of the US
National Academy of Sciences, Val

along with the egg.

Lameliolysin, as the researchers called it, is produced

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OBITUARY

DR FRANK H. SPEDDING Work on first atomic bombs

member of the "Manhattan Project" the American effort to reaction at the University of produce the world's first nuclear Chicago in December 1943. bomb, died in Ames, Iowa, on December 15. He was 82. Spedding, who had been Direc-tor of the Ames Laboratory was one of the world's outstanding authorities on the rare carths.

He was born on October 22 in Hamilton Ontario but was educated at the Universities of Michigan and California, late working in Britain, Germany and the Soviet Union on a Guggenheim Fellowship.

In 1937 he went to Iowa State University as Head of the Physical Chemistry section and from 1942 as Director of the Atomic Project at Iowa State was responsible for creating the technology to produce on a large scale Uranium 235, the radioactive isotope of uranium

Dr Frank H. Spedding, the used in the world's first atomic Canadian bork scientist whose bomb. Spedding also worked work on the production of with Dr Enrico Fermi and his Uranium 235 made him a key group which succeeded in producing the first atomic chain

In 1945 he became Director of the Institute of Atomic Research at Iowa and in 1947 Director of what is now known as the Ames Laboratory in iowa. He held this post until 1968 when he retired.

A major research laboratory Ames was concerned with the perfecting of rare earths for commercial uses, particularly the peacetime use of nuclear

energy. Besides his work with rare carths Spedding was also a specialist in atomic and molecular spectra as well as other chemistry connected with atomic energy problems.

He had been several times

nominated for the Nobel Prize

MR JAN PEERCE

Jan Peerce, one of the most noted tenors of wartime and early post war eras, has died at the age of 80. He was probably most renowned for his appearances with Toscanini in operatic broadcasts which were later issued as commercial records.

Peerce was born Jacob Pinas Perelmuth in New York on June 3 1904. He played the violin in dance bands until he realised he had vocal potential and changed over to singing the vocal refrains at the Radio City Music Hall during the 1930s.

Pairs of jacks on each of 12 frames of the cradle will turn the hull slowly to apply as little stress as possible. Engineers will have to work in . Then he studied seriously in Italy with the famous tenor. Borgatti, and made his debut at an atmosphere of 95 per cent humidity drenched Baltimore as the Duke of Mantua in 1938. The same year by mist sprays of water at near freezing point, the only method of protecting the hull from destructive drying until it can be chemically Toscanini invited him to sing the tenor part in Beethoven's Missa Solemnis and that led to him singing the leading roles in the conductor's recorded con-cert performances of La Bohème, La Traviata, Fidelio,

Un ballo in maschera, and the

He joined the Metropolitan Opera, New York, in 1941 and remained with the company for more than 20 years singing some 300 performances of 11 roles, the most significant of which were Edgardo in Lucia di Lammermoor, the Duke of Mantua, Alfredo and Rodolfo. In 1956 he became the first American to sing at the Bolshoi

opera in the postwar era. In 1971 he made his Broadway debut as Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof. His extensive concert career continued almost until the time of his death, and he appeared successfully with a Jewish group at London's Queen Elizabeth Hall in the 1970s, his voice apparently unimpaired by the passing years.

Peerce's voice was keenedged and somewhat metallic in character. He used it to project strong, involved characteris-ations more welcome perhaps for the tireless energy in his singing than for many subtleties of interpretation. The longevity last act of Rigoletto, thus giving of interpretation. The longevity of his career was proof of his history of the gramophone.

MR A. A. ROSS

Mr Alan Alistair Ross, CBE, & Crowther) in 1955 to head who died on December 15 at the age of 64, was chairman of Ogilvy & Mather, the advertising agency, from 1971 to 1975, and after that served as president from 1975 to 1980.

Me also placed a director in 1960 became a director of Ogilvy & Mather International president from 1975 to 1980.

As chairman of the agency he

He also played a leading role in the wider world of advertising. He was president of the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising 1973-75, a member of the Advertising Standards Authority 1972-75, and chairman of the Advertising Associtransferent, Automated Herbert April Markers Midghligmen: Herbert April Markers Midghligmen: Herbert April Markers Midghligmen J Papers and O P Smith: Subject prize Science Rid P M Brankenburg Matha and Engineering sciences Mid C M O Höber Cerman: Mid D a Shurritt. ation 1975-80.

4th City of London Yeomanry Council of Almoners of Christ's as a Territorial shortly after. Hospital. He became an advo-leaving school. He served as a cate of moving the girls' school, tank commander with the 8th now at Hertiora, 10 Army in the Western Desert the boys' school at Horsham. and in Italy, and was twice and was closely involved in wounded.

the Central Office of Information before beginning his career in advertising. He joined Catch, who survives him, as do Ogilvy & Mather (then Mather

played a leading part in bringing about the purchase of S. H. Benson, another long-estab-lished London agency, in 1971. He later, as chairman of the Advertising Association, did much to ensure the continuance of the present system of self-regulation by the industry. Angus Ross, as he was resisting pressures for the known, was born in the City of London, and was educated at Christ's Hospital, He joined the Treasurer and Charman of the

wounded. solving the institutional and After the war he had four personal difficulties created by years with the film division of the move, due to take place next year.

LT-COL A. L. B. ANDERSON viceroys: as ADC to Lord Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur

Louis Brunker Anderson, who died at his home at Limington in Somerset, on December 10 at the age of 95, was the oldest surviving officer of the former British Indian Cavalry, and a remarkable polo player.
"Ginger" Anderson was born in 1889, the elder son of Major

General L. E. Anderson, and spent much of his childhood in India. He was educated at Rossall and was commissioned into the Connaught Rangers in 1907 and served with them in India. They went to France in 1914, and he saw active service in France and Belgium and later in Mesopotamia, where he was severely wounded during the operations to relieve Kut. In 1918 he transferred to the

Indian Army and was posted to the 37th lancers (Baluch Horse) and saw more active service during the third Afghan War in 1919, In 1922 his regiment was amalgamated with the 17th Cavairy to become the 15th Lancers, with whom he continued to serve. He had the rare distinction of

being on the staff of four

Chelmsford, in the Viceroy's Body guard under Lord Reading and as Comptroller of the Household to Lord Irwin and Lord Willingdon. Later he commanded the 15th Lancers until he retired in 1939. For the rest of his life he lived in Somerset, and during the second World War was responsible for a large area of the Home Guard. But he will be best remem-

bered as a polo player of international class who achieved the exceptionally high handicap of 8 at a time when the standard and number of ton class sides playing was at a peak. He captained the Connaught Rangers team before 1914; and was a member of the 5th Lancers side which, in the 1920s twice won both the Indian Cavalry and Inter-Regimental tournaments, and also the Indian Championship. In 1927 he married Margaret

St Barbe Sladen, only daughter of Colonel St Barbe Sladen, He is survived by his widow and

MR G. M. MATTHEWS Mr Geoffrey Matthews, who quantity of hitherto unpub-

died on December 9 was Reader in English at Reading Univer-Born in 1920 he was educated at Kingswood School, Bath, and

Corpus Christi College, Oxford where his studies were interrupted by the war. From 1949 to 1955 he ectured in English in Finland at Abo Akademi and Turku University. After a period at

Leeds University he went to Reading in 1966. His published work on Shelley included, besides many articles, a selection from his poetry and prose (OUP, 1964) and a short introductory study for the British Council entitled

Shelley (Longman 1970). But his magnum opus was been working for many years. the 1960s, playing Helen in La This labour, which included an Belle Helene, has died at her entirely re-edited text and a home in Hove at the age of 60.

vanced and it seems likely that sity and one of the foremost it will be possible to complete Shelley scholars.

> Sir Stewart MacTier, CBE, November 28 at the age of 78. was chairman of the Liverpool Steam Ship Owners' Association and of the General Council of British Shipping 1960-61, and president of the Institute of Marine Engineers 1966-67. During the Second World War he was director of Port Transit Control at the Ministry of War Transport.

Miss Margaret Burton, the singer, who played leading roles in pantomime, chiefly as Princithe new edition of Shelley for pal Boy, in the 1950s, and who Longman's Annotated English later appeared in Offenbach Poets series, on which he had operettas at Sadler's Wells in

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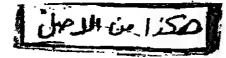
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A. A. ROSS

L. B. ANDERSON

Bubbling good humour Art into Production Museum of Modern Art, Oxford

Artists Design for Dance

Arnolfini, Bristol Spindler 1900 Reading Museum ad

Art Nouveau fron the Anderson Collection Geffrye Museum

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It is a good time for ')vers of the applied and decoraive arts at the moment - espeially if they are willing to travel round a bit outside Londin. And anyone who tends i bristle snobbishly at the mation of anything less fine thn fine art" should persuade Imself to unbristle, since two of he three major new shows winin quite easy reach of London contain work in slightly unacustomed media by artists so unssailably fine that no one cold easily look down on them.

Like Malevich in Art into Production, the bsolutely extraordinary, extraordinary, nt-on-any-account-to-be-missed show of Soviet textiles, fasion and ceramics 1917-1935 a Oxford's Museum of Modern Art until February 3. The eriod, of course, is that of the great conflagration of reviutionary art and design whice immediately followed Russi's political revolution and we damped down, if not ptally extinguished, by the return to traditionalism, socidist realism and art-for-the-peole around 1930. In fact almos everything here dates from the Twenties, and the handful of vieces from after 1930, like the mattributed table service The liarvest, of 1932-35, do show asad fallingaway into boring convention-ality compared with what was

being done ten year earlier.

I due Foscari

Teatro Regio, Turin

itself, as a fragile success.

career has won this production

at the Teatro Regio the kind of

popularity normally reserved

for mainstream repertory. The

very size of Bruson's perform-

ance reinforces the case for

regarding I due Foscari -

coming directly after Ernani and before Guvanna d'Arco -

as a haritone's opera. It is an

impression supported by the

almost precocious stature of

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Bruson's tonal amplitude is

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livelier, more inventive and current artists as Bridget Riley, wholly desirable that the pots John Hubbard, Richard Smith, and stuffs in this show. Even Deanna Petherbridge and nat-

Galleries

Revolution Tears Away the Cobwebs of Prejudice? Almost anything, I would guess, other than Maria Vasilevna Lebedeva's whimsical brick-coloured winged whale(?) flapping through the clouds as it cheerily munches away at a very glitzy gilt web across its path. Even Malevich's severe white teaset charms with its very literal half-cup"; one wonders which came first, this or the seaside souvenir fantasy on the same And, if you are talking about

art-for-the-people, what could be more truly popular and approachable that these pots, what more jolly to wear than these happily, garish fabrics? Certainly they use, with the catest case and fluency, the language of post-cubist art, but it is so convincingly associated with Russian folk motifs or cartoopy humour that no onesurely could take offence unless directed to do so. The wonder is that so much of this until very recently frowned-on art still survives in Russia (the materials of the show come straight from Russia and it may well go back as a show for Moscow 100), but then the Russians, as we know, never throw anything away, just in case; yery likely they even have Stalin himself in cold storage, should his presence ever again be required in the mausoleum on Red Square. And thank heavens for this spirit of good housekeeping, for western design today still has as much to learn from these tearaways of half a century ago us does design in Russia itself.

Also at MOMA-Oxford until February 3 are shows devoted to Duane Michais's eccentric photo-stories and penetrating portraits, funny-peculiar and funny-ha-ha, and to Peter Greenham's paintings, which are all we mean, good and bad, by "academic": tasteful, accomplished and deadly unexcit-

A couple of those Russian revolutionaries turn up again in Artists Design for Dance, at the Amolfini, Bristol, until January 13. The likes of Alexandra Exter are in fact there in support of But otherwise you could more recent, mostly British, variations on the small stool hardly ask for anything brighter, essays in dance design by such with a vaguely triangular back

when the titles and subject- urally. David Hockney. It is matter of the designs sound like tempting to say that the a parody of respectable socialist historical precedents upstairs art, the sense of vivid post- rather undermine the effect of Diaghilev colour and the sheer the recent works below: evibubbling good humour capti- dently artists like Michael vate, What would you expect of Ayrton (Le Festin de l'araignée, vate. What would you expect of Ayrton (Le Festin de l'araignée, a ceramic tray entitled The John Piper (Job), Edward Burra Revolution Tears Away the (Miracle in the Gorbals), and McKnight Kauffer (Checkmate), not to mention the old Russian pros like Benois, Larionov, Goncharova, Exter and, later, Wakhevich, were really designing for the ballet, whereas on the whole one gets the impression that the newer generation have been commissioned merely to do their usual thing while dancers dance in front of it or, in the case of sculptors like Nigel Hall

> of or underneath it, This is not entirely true: Bridget Riley's works seem to have actually inspired an intense and enlivening collaboration between designer and choreographer, and one or two artists have proved to possess a hitherto unrevealed skill at theatrics: Christopher Lebrun. baroque leanings, one might expect to take up where Eugene Berman left off, but it is genuinely surprising how well Deanna Petherbridge's rather sinister architectural fantasies take to the stage. And Hockney, who is represented by designs for Ashton's Varii capricci. immediately inscribes himself in the long and respectable alternative tradition, so well illustrated upstairs, by taking stage design as a separate discipline, with its own rules and desideranda, coolly master-

> The name of Charles Spindler, handsomely commemorated at Reading Museum and Art Gallery until January 19, is probably not instantly familiar even to connoisseurs of the Art Nouveau and its period. Being an Alsatian (born 1865; died 1938), he inevitably fell between the artistic stools of France and Germany, never to be decisively claimed by either. And the style of his furniture shows this - or rather, this very personal fusion: delicate marquetry pictures in the manner favoured by Gallé and other Nancy artists are inserted into decidedly hefty and Germanic pieces of furniture, and some of the examples on show, such as the several

ing them all.



As inventive as desirable; ceramic plate by an unknown Russian hand

which may prove to be a pansy. or a butterfly (or, as a lady present remarked, E.T.), are nexplicable as either but, we are told, refer to specifically Alsatian peasant designs.

The show, with minor

additions and subtractions, has been seen aiready in Darmstadt and Strasbourg, and at Betty's Tea Rooms, Harrogate, Even given Spindler's enforced cosmopolitanism, this last seems odd, but apparently the inventor of Betty's Tea Rooms was on the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary and was there impressed with some of the woodwork which proved to be by Spindler so he commissioned Spindler to design for Harrogate and two other North: Country locations.

In London there are two. shows which are relevantly involved with the applied arts. At the Geffree Museum until December 30 is a selection of Art Nouveau from the Anderson Collection. Nowadays collecting Art Nouveau is a very scholarly and selective occupation, but when Sir Colin and Lady Anderson began in 1962 the orea was terra incognita, and those with the bug would tend

to buy anything faintly swirly and and floreal first, then find out about it afterwards. The many delightful (and many rather camp) objects without established parentage, as well as major pieces by Galle. Tiffany, Mucha and Majorelle. Indi-



The Parian Phenomenon: detail of Lady Godiva by John Thomas Minton,

vidually the pieces of lewellery ceramic, glass and furniture are usually well worth seeing, but the big come-on is the period charm of the collection as a collection.

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The come-on for Richard Dennis's show The Parian Phenomenon, at Chelsea Town Hall until Friday, is as much as anything the extraordinary spectacle of the show itself, with amazing pyramidal confections of the distinctive white unglazed china reaching up towards the ceiling in serned and slightly functeal ranks. The subjects range from portraits of heroes and royalty to elaborate tableaux from romance and legend to affecting Victorian scenes like The Last Kiss (little girl kisses dead bird before hurying it). Not all is pure white: some few pieces are coloured all over, and several have just titillating touches. But mostly it is white and pure and rather ghostly. For anyone in need of further information. Mr Dennis is as usual accompanying the show with a book, due early in the New Year, which is likely, as usual, to be the last word on its subject.

John Russell Taylor

Side" and Satellite of Love"

rhythms. By contrast the ennui

of "Doin' the Things that We

Want To" and the seediness of "Turn to Me" were far less

convincing.
The night began and ended

with two Velvet Underground

signature tunes. "Sweet Jane" and "Rock 'n' Roll", offered as

presents rather then with his old

take-it-or-leave-it attitude. At

42 the wicked uncle is perhaps

entitled to stand revealed in a

Max Bell

more benificent light.

country troubadour

Rock has disowned in the past, and interpreted "Walk on the Wild

Lou Reed Brixton Academy

The pantomime pop season is in full swing this week with camps being set up around Wembley ready to cheer on the good guys. Meanwhile, in Brixton, the over-twenties could enjoy their own entertainment watching Lou Reed, cast these days in the role of wicked uncle. Reed's status as founder member of the Velvet Undereround is higher than ever; his influence as a rhythm guitarist and purveyor of lurid urban

street-level tales is similarly acknowledged. The pout and the sneer may have been replaced by a grin and the odd wisecrack, the observations of Andy Warhol's Factory children by a new set of references to bourgeois Manhattan social life. but Reed still knows how to tell a tall story and strike up a linear form of R & B.

Reed's current band, spearheaded by the guitarist Robert Quine, sounded a few shades too safe on the older material but their work on the New Sensations songs, which Reed jokily described as "another of my best-selling records", was solid enough, impressive without quite setting the pulse racing. He made passing references to his own soul heroes during the evening, implying that the sounds he heard when he switched on the New York stations were those of Marvin Gaye and James Brown; whether this band would have passed an Apollo audition was a

moot point.
Ironically, the best moments were when Reed revisited his most commercial phase, one he



Concert ...

Per Musica Oueen Elizabeth Hall

Never mind the odd, slightly rough-and-ready sound: this was an enjoyable concert, thanks partly to the willingness of the young orchestra, partly to Julian Reynolds's crisp direction, and partly to a stimulating choice of programme.

Schoenberg and Stravinsky were both represented by major scores not often played: Schoenberg by his Second Chamber Symphony and Stravinsky by the complete Pulcincila. Then, in between, there was Mendels-sohn's G minor Piano Concerto, given a very lively performance by Jean-Louis Steuermann, Indeed, the sound was a bit too lively; curtaining the back wall might have helped give Mr Steuermann's playingsome soft focus instead of an unhelpful booming resonance,

The bare concrete did help. though, in projecting the exuberant noise of the orchestra. Per Musica are a group of graduates from the EEC Youth Orchestra who came together a year ago in order to perpetuate their orchestral work in occasional concerts and short tours. They play for enjoyment, and it shows. But Mr Reynolds is not in the business of simply letting everyone have a good time. Conducting without a score, he seemed to have an exact notion at every moment

of the balance and rhythmic character he wanted - or rather of those that the music wanted. Performances were clear, and cleanly articulated.

Such a style was a great boon in the Schoenberg, which can easily seem too comfortably lugubrious. As in Schoenberg's other tonal works of his sixties one misses the daemon that had been driving him to travel so rapidly through similar territory when he was in his thirties. Without that compelling necessity, the music is in danger of seeming merely charming, but it was saved from that fate by the very candour of the perform-ance: smoothly if unwillingly moving forward in the first movement, and dancing with brilliance at the start of the

Mr Reynolds's manner of conducting was perhaps even better suited to Pulcinella, which he made so much an interlocking sequence of vivid musical machines. There is a problem here with the three singers, who have so little to do Plonking them oratorio-fashion at the front gives a false visual and acoustic impression: it might be better to have them heard from off-stage when the work is done in concert halfs. In any event, only the bass

Peter Harvey on Sunday seemed entirely happy with his part, which was rather a pity when the instrumentalists were bouncing along so merrily.

Paul Griffiths

Theatre

Feiffer's America Lyric Studio

I expected better, but that was probably unreasonable. How can an evening of cartoon-strip titbits, even if less short-winded than Schulz's for Sneepy, and Feiffer's corrosive characteressays on successive presidents escape inducing the cloyed dissatisfaction that comes from cating too many cocktail canapés, however dinner? A whizz-bang, pizzazzy approach might have helped. hut whatever the virtues of

expertly fashioned, and not having John Barlow's cast (of which more presently) they do not deliver it. Moreover, all the material points in the same direction. The very title promises a little shop of horrors, and the

promise is kept. Particularly the presidents: Eisenhower "softsoaped paranoia": egotistical John Kennedy "didn't mind John Kennedy "didn't mind cuddly witty Mel Taylor (billed dissent - he just patronized it": as "The Token Black"), with Johnson was the first bully, liar, the homespun Mr Healy indulgthief, credibility gap and other ing in a hymn to domestic things too fast to note; Nixon was "a wonderful turd, the his baseball bat off to a civil Mozart of mediocrity": Ford embodied "the void left after the collapse of the American man, impersonating a sucdream"; Carter had grit and pluck and dertermination and couldn't keep us awake: Reagan of the popcorn principles brought us Christmases when Supply-Side Santa (in the chording person of David Healy) commanded us to fight and scratch and crawl for our presents. Did this, in rehearsal, seem a feast of wit? In practice it is depressing, and anyhow we

For relief, there are hung-up Feiffer couples, hung-up Feiffer singles hooked on TV, and, disaster of disasters, endless

knew it already.

dance interruptions from Lynn Seymour meant to parody pretentiousness but never doing so sharply or amusingly enough - even if she does come into her own in witty sketches like a paranoiae wife clinging to Mr Healy's selfish midriff for support and comfort.

Theoretically an intelligent pocket revue ready to sail into a little West End theatre for a long run, this Mount Rushmore of grotesques, significant and insignificant, dispiritedly suggests only that democracy is phoney show-business and individual freedom produces ignor-ant, self-obsessed perplexity. Contrast the playful mischief of political commentator like Bernard Levin (remember his comparison of Wilson and Macmillan, "The Walrus and the Carpenter?"), which delights and pleases the reader while remaining unforgettably deadly.

The cast is strong. It is good to renew aquaintance with the rights demonstration, and with the tiny, red-eyed Peter Whitcession of twitchy. American males before delighting the house with his lazy-blinking. maniacal Henry Kissinger.

Ed Bishop has a face lined with experience round his piereing blue eyes and is a dead ringer for Reagan with his vocal jauntiness and wheeling gait showing senility masking itself as volatile youth. That, and Feiffer's appalling essay on presidents as aspects of sex appeal, lifts the whole grisly circus to classic level.

Anthony Masters

Bruson scores heavily for early Verdi



Rare champion of bel canto: Renato Bruson (right) with Nicola Martinucci

octogenarian Foscari; he sings of the Foscari household on this with phrasing of deceptive occasion had the character of spaciousness and with a clarity problem children, unable to of diction and technical agility ignite Verdi's melodies or draw that distinguishes him as a rare character out of stereotype. As champion of hel canto. These Jacopo, Nicola Martinucci illusare assets to be cherished, as trated once again how unintelli-Bruson illustrated in his two gently he uses a good voice, principal arias, where his while the miscasting of Dunja mature fusion of vocal and Vejzovic as Lucrezia had dramatic skills was a sum- particularly unfortunate conse-Verdi's writing for the Venetian mation of Verdian authority quences in the large tableaux, Doge and by his preoccupation, while still only 30, with the personification of fatherly love and humanity. His ensemble where her inability to rise above singing showed the same consideration, and in the final tor to shade the dynamics tableau his stooped, tottering much to the detriment of and public office that was to gait and controlled passion Verdi's stately crescendos. All made the rudimentary ending sections in the pit treated their both plausible and moving parts with love and respect - the The son and daughter-in-law orchestral score in this opera is

Frank Delaney (BBC 2) last night tried to fathom one of the mysteries of modern literature: why is it that twentieth-century Irish writing seems much more resonant and lyrical than English writing of the same period? Mr Delancy's guests, themselves Irish, were not slow in coming forward with ans-

One academic. David Norris. suggested that the Irish experince an amount of discomfort in employing English at all -certainly it is true that they tend

Television A gift of tongues

parts with love and respect - the

characteristics a quality of music or incantation. And it is also the case that, given the put last night, was that some evident fact that the Irish are good talkers, there is a rhetorical intention behind those seems a much starker and less beautiful cadences which resonant thing than its ninewriters like Joyce and Yeats teenth-century equivalent - and were not slow to exploit.

finished, the discussion was aged partly to avoid. This was moving along nicely - with the an interesting and even enternovelist Jennifer Johnston as- taining discussion - Frank serting that the Irish were not a Delaney himself was clearly in middle-class people and that as his element, which has not a result they have been more always been the case during this vigorous or courageous in their series.

application of language to Peter Ackrovd

This is an arguable point, and in any such discussion it is important to produce examples. Which Mr Delaney and his guests then proceeded to do: the theoretical controversy soon came down (or, rather, up) to the swapping of funny stories. As William Trevor explained, there is still a tradition of oral to subvert it by removing its story-telling in Ireland - al-practicality and "meaning", though he did not add that most substituting for these dull native of its practitioners now work in television. The larger point, obliquely

one of its most unexpected

assets - but Maurizio Arena's

deference to the relentless

interruptions for applause gave the performance little chance to

The staging was by Sylvano

Bussotti, whose appetite for

ugly drop-curtains further

compartmentalized the opera's

structure. He did have the

sense, however, to leave a clear

stage for the Doge's rumi-

nations; these scenes alone, with

Tono Zancanaro's costumes and decor, realized the simple

grandeur of this short and

Andrew Clark

appealingly direct work.

develop its own momentum.

glory has departed from the English language - certainly it that this denuded fate is one By the time Mr Norris had which Irish-English has man-

Peter Ackroyd



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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

High politics ends the Governor's honeymoon

As honeymoons go, Mr Robin Leigh-Permberion's with the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street, has been unusually lengthy. Yesterday it came to an abrupt end when the Chancellor of the Exchequer made a full frontal attack on the Bank of-England's competence in the important area of banking supervision.

seven on the Richter scale. It can have come as no surprise to the Governor when Mr Nigel Lawson told the Commons yesterday that he had ordered a full review of present arrangements for banking supervision where weaknesses had been highlighted by the forced rescue of Johnson Matthey Bankers.

An investigating team made up of Treasury and Bank of England representatives and an independent consultant will consider whether a more effective supervisory framework is required than that provided by the 1979 Banking Act.

to the parties

By its own admission, the Bank was tardy in responding adequately to the problems it said it had long known existed at Johnson Matthey Bankers. The final solution - nationalizing JMB - could hardly have been less palatable to Mrs Thatcher and her closest Cabinet colleagues who immediately began distancing themselves from the whole unsatisfactory

Their embarrassment deepened when Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, saw his opportunity to admonish both Government and Bank - and took it with characteristic flair.

Neither Mrs Thatcher nor Mr Lawson forgive easily. The laser beam of their disapprobrium was quickly focused on the deputy-governor of the bank, Mr Christopher "Kit" McMahon, whose five-year term happens to end early in the new year. In so far as he can be held responsible for the Bank's shortcomings Johnson Matthey Bankers, then he has some explaining to do. That said, the inspired attacks on his position smack of the worst kind of West End politicking.

It is therefore up to the governor to defend his deputy from politically motivated pressures which may have more to do with the fact that Mr McMahon is closer in his private political convictions to Dr Owen than to Mrs Thatcher.

The notion that the deputy-governor is not as "sound" as all good Thatcherites would wish might have mattered less if Mrs Thatcher had chosen a different man to succeed Lord Richardson. By nature, temperament and ability, Mr Leigh-Perinherion was always destined to be more Governor in the traditional, executive sense. It followed that the deputy-governor, a man of great technical ability and considerable central banking experience, would assume the managing director role.

Not to put too fine a point on it, Mr. McMahon's authority cannot help but spread across the Bank of England spectrum. As Mr Leigh-Pemberton's appointment was inspired by the Prime Minister's belief that after Lord Richardson the political balance in the Bank needed to be sharply redressed, it is not difficult to understand any move that might undermine Mr McMahon.

The risk is that the deputy-governor may already feel that his position has been made untenable and his only option is to leave the Bank. Such a decision would reflect no credit on anyone. Moreover it, would undoubtedly damage the Bank both in the City and abroad.

The apparent failings in the Bank's supervisory responsibilities, which cannot advance the career of Mr Peter Cooke, head of banking supervision, are a matter

State to sell

stake

in Norton

By Jeremy Warner

Norton Villiers Triumph,

once a powerful force in the

British motor cycle industry, is hoping to make a comeback.

The Government has agreed to sell its remaining shareholding in the company, freeing it from commercial restriction.

Manganese Bronze, Norton's

parent group, announced yesterday that it is buying the Government's interest in the

preference share capital for

After years when it made

rotary engine motorcycle.

remaining 13,000 shareholders.

but in reality they are worth nothing." Mr Poore said.

The Government became

involved with Norton in 1973

when Mr Edward Heath's

administration put up £4.9 million of aid to help group

together the then separate companies of BSA. Triumph

and Norton Villiers

of genuine public concern. Weaknesses in this area were exposed - and the public cost was huge - in the 1973-74 secondary banking collapse. The Bank's intelligence channels, through the discount office, had become blocked.

The tragedy of errors which had led to which began with the eruption of the Johnson Matthey affair, last week reached seven on the Richter scale learners and the lifeboat was launched with a tough. that situation has not been fully revealed. tough, experienced and knowledgeable crew, which included the then deputy governor, Sir Jasper Hollom and the Wise Mr George Blunden,

The long-term political response to the debacle of the early seventies was the 1979 Banking Act. Much bureaucracy came in and much sensitivity went out of the system as a result. At the same time, it is evident, notwithstanding the continuing presence of the Bank court of both Sir Jasper and Mr Blunden, that the Bank has let the supervisory system slip below that standard required. Mr Lawson is right to

BAT's £664m choice keeps City guessing

In the space of a year BAT Industries has announced acquisitions in the financial services sector worth more than £1.5 billion. Ironically perhaps the company's purchase of Hambro Life has left many in the City wondering exactly what BAT is intending to achieve. It is hoping to build a new integrated financial structure, or is it simply picking up attractive equity investments in a favoured field?

Potential clearly exists in the fact that Hambro Life relies on a large sales force while BAT's earlier acquistion, Eagle Star, has none. This could give Eagle Star the opportunity to market its non-life products, such as house or car insurance, more widely through Hambro Life's 2,8000 salesmen. Yet the terms of the acquistion virtually ensure that the two companies not oly remain entirely separate but continue to compete with each other as much as ever

The reasons for this have much to do with Hambro Life's structure. One of the principal reasons for companys failure to link up with Charterhouse J. Rothschild this year was the opposition of its sales force. Salesmen were worried that their management would be diverted into new areas of interest and would cease to provide them with attractive new products to sell. They were also unhappy at an erosion of their incentive schemes.

BAT has succeeded where CJR failed by giving the all-important Hambro Life high price to keep the top management, all of whom have agreed to stay with the company for a further five years. It has given the company virtual autonomy. And it has promised to maintain the level of

Another avenue of development for BAT's new financial services arm would be to build the kind of all-in-one financial supermarket which Mr Mark Weinberg is known to be keen on.

Alternatively, BAT could continue on the acquisition trail and buy its own bank or stockbroker. Mr Patrick Sheehy, the chairman, appeared to rule this out by saying that BAT would make no new acquisitions in the United Kingdom financial services.

Mr Sheehy has stated that BAT's primary interest in acquisitions is to buy companies with high growth potential,

Over the much longer term a more integrated financial services group may emerge. In the meantime BAT has paid a lot for having the choice; at £664 million Hambro's exit p/e ration is 24.

BL seeks Russian deal By John Lawless

factory.

P. Duffryn

"We employ some of the Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, his most up-to-date techniques in the world," an Austin-Rover must immediately important industrial visit in Britain this week will be to the Austin-Rover plant at Cowley, Oxford. spokesman said yesterday. A decision by the Russians on who will win the contract is BL it is understood, is among

the front-runners to win a thought to be imminent, and contract to completely refur-bish, reequip and help intro-within the next month. BL is in competition with the duce new car models at the Moskvish factory in Moscow.

During a morning visit, Mr
Italians, but faces its stiffest
Gorbachov, a senior Politburo competition from Renault of

member, will be shown the France. efficiency that has been Cowley's annual production. achieved on the Maestro and at 250,000 cars a year (including Montego production lines as a production of the executive-result of £200 million worth of model Rover), is said to be investment in the past two similar to that of the Moskvich

MARKET SUMMARY.

very little. Norton has recently close \$316-\$316.50 (£265.00-£265.50) produced at its factory at Shanstone, near Birmingham, STOCK MARKETS about 130 sample models of its New York FT Ind Ord .938.3(+2.9) These are on trial with 19 FT-A All Share FT Govt Securities82.30(-0.96) British police forces, two of ...1212.5(+7.7)27,343 FT-SE 100 which have indicated that they want to place follow up orders. Datastream USM105.44(-0.43) Mr Roger Poore, Manganese Bronze chairman, said that with .1173.03(-2.87) government restrictions now Dow Jones Tokyo Nikkei Dow ... lifted, Norton could set about11455.67(+54.97) raising the fresh capital it needs. Hong Kong Hang Seng Amsterdam: He thought a big problem in this venture would be Norton's .1168.42(+24.33)179.0(+0.9)714.2(-4.5) Sidney: AO . Frankfurt: "Norton shares have been ..1073.2(-4.4) Commerzbank changing hands in unofficial dealings at between 2.5p and 5p Brusseis: ..157.74(+D.03) ...180.5(-0.2) Paris: CAC . .318.20(-0.10) SKA General

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INTEREST RATES Bank Base: 914 - 915% 3-month Interbank 914 - 9212% 3-month eigible bills 91,-93,2%

Federal Funds 73%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.98-7.94%

Prime Rate 11.25-11.50%

Long bond 1021 - 1021

Pegi blocks Dunlop's £70m capital reconstruction

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By Ian Griffiths

delay the announcement of its capital reconstruction package after the failure of the Malay-sian Pegi Corporation, which owns a 26 per cent stake in the ailing tyre and industrial products group, to agree terms.

The two Pegi representatives

on the Dunlop board were in London last week for two meetings but no agreement was reached on the details of the package. Pegi is understood to he concerned at the amount of debt which would be converted into equity by the banks, which are propping up Dunlop with loans of about £380 million.

It had been suggested that the banks would convert about £70 million of debt into equity. This would be offered immediately to existing shareholders and new institutional investors to raise funds, Pegi, however, is concerned at the level of dilution in its interests and would prefer the banks to loans into equity.

The longer leading indicators

for the economy rose strongly last month, casting doubts over earlier official expectations of a

slowdown in the economy from

The leading index, based on partial information, rose from

107.2 in October to 108.7 in

November, as a result of rising

share prices and lower interest

The other three composite

statisticians

leading indicators - shorter

leading, coincident and lagging

began predicting a March 1985

slowdown in the economy when

Regan

threat to

curb Fed

From Bailey Morris,

Washington

The influential open market committee of the US Federal

Reserve Board has met in

to ease monetary controls

closed session to decide whether

during a difficult period when it

is under attack by the Reagan Administration to promote

Concern - over the sharp

slowdown in the US economy

had resulted in a new round of

board, which acts as a central bank, and its independent

Analysts said yesterday

however, that because of the

confusing indications from the

economy in recent weeks they

expected the Fed to take a very

cautious policy line, erring on

Mr Donald Regan, the US Treasury Secretary, last week escalated the administration's

attack on the central bank,

criticizing Mr Volcker as "pen-

urious" and blaming the Fed's policies for hurting the Christ-

Mr Regan stated for the firs

time publicly that the adminis-

tration is considering a plan to place the Federal Reserve

system under some form of

His comments and those o

other administration officials were taken as a veiled threat to

the traditional freedom of the

central bank which is viewed as

a strong bastion against re-

But despite renewed pressure

on the central bank, analysis said they did not expect dramatic policy changes, par-

ticularly in view of recent data

which suggest that an earlier easing of credit controls is

The latest round of statistics

has produced a murky picture of the US economy. The data

show neither further weakening

nor a rebound from the slowdown A clearer picture will emerge

this week when the US com-

merce department releases tomorrow its forecast of econ-

omic growth for the final quarter of the year. Analysts

predict the forecast will show

stronger growth than the 1.9 per cent rate of the last quarter but

still in the sluggish 2 per cent to

3 per cent range.

promoting more growth.

mas shopping season.

unspecified controls.

newed inflation.

the side of accommodation.

chairman, Mr Paul Volcker.

public criticism against the

more growth.

next March.

Whitehall

Dunlop Holdings has had to restrict the amount of loan

conversion. Sir Michael Edwardes, Dunlop's chairman, had hoped to announce the details of the reconstruction package tomorrow but he has now written to shareholders to explain that there will be a further delay. The best hopes now are that a package can be agreed early in the new year.

In his letter Sir Michael says: "In view of the many different parties and the complexity of the issues involved the terms of the financial reconstruction proposals are likely to take some while to settle",

He also provided a broad outline of the proposals which confirm that Dunlop will seek 10 raise new equity capital from existing shareholders and from new institutional investors. There will also be some conversion by the banks of their

Economic forecast in doubt

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

the longer leading index, which

looks about a year ahead, turned down in March of this

year. The index continued to

fall in the months of July.

supporting the case for a March 1985 turning point.

recovered strongly, as interest rates have fallen, share prices

have risen, and business

optimism, as measured by the

results of Confederation of

British Industry surveys, has

The rise in share prices so

far this month means that the

longer leading index is likely to

The date on which Argentina

xpects the signature of an IMF

lanby arrangement worth one

On January 15 and 16.

Argentina is due to negotiate

with the representatives of a number of western govern-

ments the rescheduling of debt

principal and interest for credits

extended, or guaranteed by

those governments.

And, after the agreement of

the 320 commercial banks.

agreement covering the resche-

duling of debts and interest

Senor Grinspun's visit to

Paris was to explain Argentina's

economic and debt repayment

prospects to French, Belgian,

Spanish and Portuguese banks.

And while Senor Grinspun

Hotels International last night

recommended their share-holders to accept a £67.7 million takeover bid from the

Ladbroke Group, Mr Cyril

Stein's property, hotels and

However, it was a grudging recommendation. The direc-

tors, led by Mr Henry Edwards,

said that although they were satisfied with the form of

Ladbroke's five-for-seven share

swop terms, they did not

Authorised

bookmaking combine.

to these banks to be

Argenting expects the

signed after mid-January.

million SDR and \$260m is

December 28.

However, the Index has since



Sir Michael Edwardes: further delays

involve a substantial dilution of



However, Sir Michael warns shareholders: "The amount of new share capital required is considered to be far beyond the capacity of ordinary share-holders to provide. The proposals for the financial reconstruction will therefore

exceed the previous peak of 110.1, recorded in February

The Central Statistical Office is standing by its position that the economy is

likely to encounter a turning point next March, but it is conceded that the evidence is

"a little weaker than

The main difficulty for the

statisticians has been froning

out the effects of the long-

running coal strike, and the two

short dock strikes. It now appears that financial markets

overreacted to these industrial

was persuading commercial

banks in Europe of Agentina's

good intentions regarding debt repayment the president of

Argentina's central bank was

completing a similar mission

with creditor commercial banks

During the negotiations which resulted in the Washing-

ion accord on December 2

Citybank chaired the 11-strong

hanking group representing the

Schor

Grinspun, returned to Buenos Aires from Paris last night

apparently convinced that all

the 320 commercial banks to

whom Argentina is indebted will, within two days, agree to

the rescheduling of that debt as

negotiated, in Washington last

Comfort's "excellent growth

of any better offer, the directors

do intend to recommend shareholders to accept the Ladbroke offer. They said.

Comfort has agreed with the consent of the Takeover Panel

to drop its separate £15 million

bid for Prince of Wales Hotels.

This was a condition of Ladbroke's offer.

"Nevertheless, in the absence

Bernardo

320 commercial banks.

The Argentine

minister

Comfort backs Ladbroke

By Our City Staff

The directors of Comfort consider that they fully reflected

prospects".

in the US, Canada and Japan.

and March this year.

hitherto."

Argentina expects

rescheduling soon

From Catherine Dodds, Parls

your holdings".
Sir Michael has also some indication of the group's future strategy which will involve a combination of rationalization, strengthening of management and, where appropriate, selective acquisitions and It has always been anticipated

that part of the Dunlop reconstruction would involve ibstantial asset sales. Although Sir Michael gives no indication of what form these assets sales will take or of the funds they would raise he said that the group would develop its most competitive businesses. This allows him the flexibility to make appropriate divestments.

The Dunlop Shareholders Association, which represents the interests of small share holders, has already proposed its own package for Dunlop's future which includes substantial asset sales, including a complete withdrawal from tyre

Extension

for loan

guarantees

By Derek Harris.

Commercial Editor

Guarantee Scheme to help finance small businessees is to

be continued until the end of

next year, with tougher con-

ditions aimed at reducing

increasing losses.

But it is only a reprieve for the three-and-a-half year old

Industry.

The failure rate of businesses

involved in the scheme has

with the 1 in 3 rate suggested in

the last Robson Rhodes ac-countancy study of the scheme's

Mr Trippier said: "I want this

cheme to work, but certainly

prospects.

unacceptable."

vorsened to 1 in 2.5, compared

Government's Loan

to cancel conference In an embarrassing climbdown, the Confederation of

CBI forced

British Industry has been forced to cancel a conference to examine the revolution taking place in the City, because of lack of interest.

The speakers were to have included Mr Alex Fletcher, Under-Secretary of State for Corporate and Consumer Affairs: Professor Laurence "Jim" Gower, the Government's adviser on company law; Mr David Walker of the Bank of England, and Mr Jeffrey Knight, chief executive of the Stock Exchange. Up to 250 delegates were expected to attend the CBI's headquarters for the conference

tomorrow, but acceptances were received from only 20.

Maxwell sells

Mr Robert Maxwell has sold almost 3 per cent of John Waddington shares since his £44 million takeover bid failed on Friday, His British Printing & Communication Corporation has sold just under I per cent and Pergamon Press Inc. an overseas associate, has sold 1.89 per cent, Mr Maxwell retains just over 20.56 per cent,

Brewers' tonic

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries has reported pretax profits of £37.5 million for the half year to October 28, up from £31.6 million. Turnover increased from £348 million to £354.2 million. The interim dividend of 1.9p is up from 1.73p last

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Profits rise

The Stock Conversion and Investment Trust's pretax profits for the half year ended September 30, rose by £1m.74 million to £9.48 million. Dealinterim dividend rose 25 per cent to 2.5p per share. Earnings

£3/4m salary



on a new small business, effectively a 1.1 per cent increase, compared with the

first version of the loan scheme. But it will now be mandatory for lenders like the banks to insist on minimum standards of appraisal. This means a small business will have to provide an effective business plan. Minimum standards of financial reporting will be mandatory, which means more frequent monitoring once a small business is operating.

On the banks role in the scheme, Mr Trippier said: "It is clearly a reflection of their ability effectively to monitor the businesses that the losses rate was as high as it has been."

Monitoring, he said, would preferably be in the hands of a chartered or certified accountant acting for the small business, but Mr Trippier was prepared to mobilize his department's small companies counselling service to help or to bring in aid from a local enterprise agency.

scheme whose future will depend on losses being reduced proportionately, said Mr David Trippier, minister responsible for small businesses at the Department of Trade and

ing profits increased £18,000 to £613,000. per share were 9.89p.

the losses rate at the moment: Banks' exposure to risk in the extended scheme will remain the same as in the last six months, with the Government guaranteeing 70 per cent of The charge to borrowers of a Mr Richard Giordano, (above), chairman and chief executive of 5 per cent premium stays the l same, despite criticisms that it BOC, looks to be running away

increases the financial burden with the title of Britain's highest-paid executive for the fifth year running. Mr Giorda-nao had a £250,000 salary rise last year to £771,600, an increase of 48 per cent, according to 1983-84 BOC annual report. Mr Giordano stressed that his salary was fixed on an annual bais by the BOc board and measured against comparable pay for other to United States directors. About £100,000 of the salary increase reflected the strength of the dollar against sterling, while the balance came from a straight Tempus, page 19

China buses

British Electric Traction Company has paid £500,000 through its United Transport Inter-national offshoot for a 30 per cent interest in Citybus, which operates bus services in Hong Kong. BET recently won a licence to operate the first uxury bus service between Hong Kong and Shengzhen in the bordering mainland China special economic development

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Early fall for Dow

New York (Agencies) - The Wall Street stock market was mixed in the early going yesterday in moderate trading. The Dow Jones industrial average which gained 7.07 to 1,175.91 on Friday, was down 1.66 to 1.174.25 at 11 am.

The New York Stock Exchange index was up 0.09 to 94.01 and the price of an average share was up 4 cents. Declining issues led advanc-ing issues 596-591 among the

1.708 traded. First-hour big board volume amounted to about 21,510 million shares, compared with 21,790 million in the same period on Friday.

Union Carbide fell 11/4 to 35 IBM fell % to 118, Digital Equipment fell % to 104 and Texas Instuments fell ¾ to 112. AT & T rose % to 54 %. Chevron rose 1/4 to 54 7s and Sur Company rose $\frac{1}{2}$ to $47\frac{1}{2}$. Unocal fell 1/4 to 37 1/8.

• The lack of a draining move by the Federal Reserve Board with federal funds at 8 per cen has convinced many in the market that the central bank has eased policy further. Funds were trading at a session low of 734 per cent.

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Pig nos. down 15.9 per cent, evel.
price, 86.05p (-2.65).
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Software Sciences: Mr Mike

Banks in London: Mr G. S. Pentecost, regional manager UK & Europa Bank of New

Zealand, and Mr T. D. Mckee

have become chairman and

secretary respectively.

Cow & Gate: Mr Michael

Whiteroft became UK market-

ing director.

North Eastern Gas: Mr

Norman Blacker has been

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COMMODITIES

Dunlop Holdings: Mr J. B. Roberts, Dr. D. L. Speirs and Mr F. F. Picken have become directors of Dunlop Engineering Alford has been appointed to the board.

International Brian Reidy: Mr Jess Tigar has joined the board of Rudoll Wolff Financial Services. Control Risks; Mr Michael Martin has been made a

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

M & G Reinsurance: Mr T. W. J. Manley (General Administration) and Mr R. G. Many now expect another 50-Willsmer (Information Services, Cheltenham) have been appointed assistant general manegers. Bairstow

director.

Gross Div Yid Pence & P/E

named regional chairman from January 15. Eves: Mr Peter London Enterprise Agency:

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Mr John Salisse is the new chairman, who succeeds Mr W. P. Bowman. Jardin Insurance Brokers: Mr John Barton has been made a Australasian

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

chief executive. Arthur Bell & Sons: Mr Michael Keiller has become chief accountant.

Thorn EMI Lighting: Mr Andrew J. Osmond succeeds Mr Raymond C. Kember as associ-

ate director - marketing (designate) from April 1, next year. East Midlands Allied Press: Mr Robin Miller has been made group chief executive from January 1.

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MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

The market enjoyed its first day of surplus credit since the end of June. The surplus, estimated by the Bank of England at around fairly cheap, opening at around 9 per cent but was soon down to £200 million, was caused by tax. payments due on Sunday being delayed natil Wednesday, which

is now expected to be extremely short - well in excess of £1 billion. Overnight money stayed

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES.

The markets were quiet. This thin band of 1.1890 to 1.1965 was reflected in the narrow hand most currencies were dealt in. With many banks and insti-tutions having squared their books for Christmas there is a

against the dollar before settling near 1.1905 for most of the afternoon and closing at the figure (1.1920). The trade-weighted

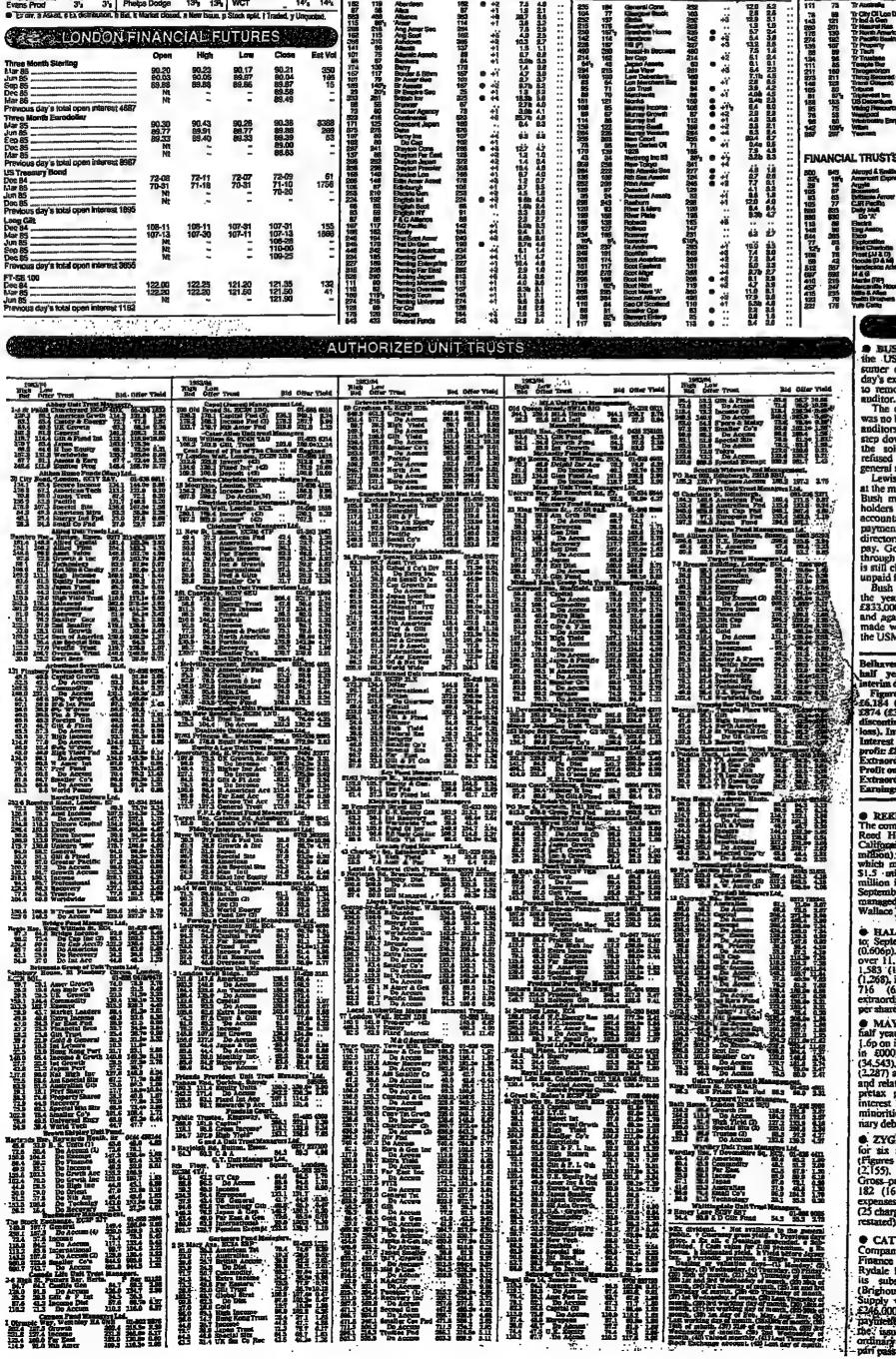
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dex compared with 1975 was down 0.1 at 74.1 (day's mage 74.2-74.1). **DOLLAR SPOT RATES** OTHER STERLING RATES .189,58-190,19 .1.4181-1,4210 .0.4478-0,4516 reace dract qs inbes ***** oud koud dogs. 2,4571-2,4644 4,4571-4,2690 2,5693-2,5933

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■ BUSH RADIO: shareholders of the USM-quoted maker of consumer electronics voted at yester day's extraordinary general meeting to remove Lewis Golden as Joint auditor.

The director of Bush decided it was no longer necessary to have two
auditors and asked Lewis Golden to
step down, leaving Touche Ross as
the sole auditor. Lewis Golden
refused and an extraordinary reneral meeting has to be called.

Lewis Golden made a statement

Lewis Golden made a statement at the meeting regarding an aspect of Bush management they felt shareholders should be aware of. The accountants are claiming, non-payment of fees which Bush directors had previously agreed to pay. Golden has received £21,000 through recourse to the courts, but is still claiming a further £35,000 in unpaid fees.

unpaid fees.

Bush Radio's pre-tax profits in the year ending August 31 were £833,000 compared with £540,001 and against a forecasting £820,000 made when the company came to the USM in July.

Belhaven Brewery's results for the half year September 30 were: interin dividend of 0.35p (nil).

interim dividend of 0.35p (nif).
Figures in £000. Turnover:
£6.184 (£5.894). Operating profit
£874 (£368) inclusive. Disposed or
discontinued operations nil (£57
loss). Interest receivable £30 (£28).
Interest payable £87 (£50). Pretax
profit £817 (£346). Tax £248 (£26).
Extraordinary incomes £21 (nil).
Profit on disposal of botel property.
Extraordinary charges nil (£388).
Earnings per share 2.42p (1.47p).

© ZYGAL DYNAMICS: Results for six months to September 30, (Figures in £000.) Turnover 2,715 (2,155), gross profit 889 (2,155), Gross-profit 889-(865), pretax loss 182 (161 profit), after operating expenses 1,071 (704), tax credit 82 (25 charge), loss per share 2,2p (3,5p) for restated).

HAVELOCK EUROPA: Interim dividend 0.07p (nill) for half-year to October 19. (Figures in £000.) Turnover 4,173 (3,249), pretax profit 291 (210), tax 133 (92), carnings per share 2.63p (2.00p).

COMPANY NEWS:

CORPORATION: DANA Company has agreed to acquire Warner Electric Brake and Clutch Co. The merger agreement has been approved by both boards of holders will receive \$30 in cash for each of their shares, the transaction is valued at \$157.5 million. As a first step an offshoot of Dana will make a cash tender offer to purchase

make a cash tender offer to purchase any and all Warner Electric shares at 530 each. The sender offer is scheduled to Segui of December 21 and to experience of the segui of December 21 and to experience of the segui of December 21 and to experience of the seguivalent of se

• SIEBE: Interim dividend 3.63p SIERG: Internal cividend 3.63p (3.15p) for 6 months to September 30. Results for the year show (figs. in £000): turnover 12.408 (62,608), pretax profit 6,971 (3,603), includ-ing share of related company(s)-profits, 38 (148), tax 3.055 (1.677); minorities 613 (198), earnings per-share 17.6p (12.3p). share 17.6p (12.3p).

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SPEYHAWK: Final 6.4p making 8.4p. (7.7p) for the year to September 30 (figs in £000). Turnover 44.518. (16.145). Pretax profit 3.767 (3.132), after allocations to employees' share participation scheme 11, tax 1.597 (1.274), extraordinary debit 128 (nil), Earnings per share 21p (18.2p).

• H. PERRY MOTORS: the or H. PERRY MOTORS in the company has disposed of its subsidiary Perrylease to United Domintons. Trust Before the disposal, the retained reserves of Perrylease amounting to £727,970, were distributed to Perrys by way of a dividend.

This will result in the virtual elimination of group borrowings, which now stand at about; £7.75 million and will thus greatly strengthen the balance sheet and financial position of Perry.

As consideration for the sale, Perry Co has received an immediate payment of £50,000 and will continue to receive the earnings

Caffyns' results for the half year to September 30 were an infering dividend of 2.2p (same), psyshik. January 23. (Figures in 5000). Turnover £45,310 (£45,174). Operating profit £1,102 (£2,945) inclusive. Surplus on bringen rationalization £388 (£248), sut after other operating charges £5,168 (£4,654). Pretax profit £554 (£464), after interest £548 (£578). Fax, £50 (£50). Earnings par interest £548 (£578).

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Lucas slumps after profits warning

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meeting. Sir Godfrey Messervy, the chairman, told shareholders and observers: "Recent strikes at British vehicle builders Jaguar. Austin Rover - and the current dispute at Ford have restricted sales and discupted production with an unfortunate short-term, impact on profit recovery".

That was enough to wipe out carly gains and send the shares down to 259p, a 10p loss on the

At the annual profits announcement just three weeks ago no mention was made of the impact of industrial troubles, and the analysts' theme song was "full recovery ahead" for the car and electronics supplier, But now City men are rushing to cut their forecasts for 1985, and are taking an especially poor view of the first six months, which end in

Mr Bob Barber, at Phillips & Drew, had already cut his estimate from ground £60 million to £54 million before the annual meeting, but believes yesterday's news will cause many of his rivals to think more in terms of profits in the "low 50s". Mr Barber will hang on to see how long the Ford strike lasts before reviewing the prospects again, but now says "£54 million looks like the 10p. line for 1985".

In the year to last July, Lucas produced profits of £32.6 million, against just £2.1 million in 1983. The massive turnround to profits, on the automotive business brought hopes that the group would return to the high profit levels of the late 1970s.

The sharp trimming of the Lucas' share price after lunch vesterday contributed to the top 30 shares going off the boil as the day wore on. The FT 30share index, after being up more than 9 points at one stage. closed just 2.9 points higher on the day - still a new peak of

showed much the same pattern, remains in speciality retailing in touching 1217.4 at 10 am, but North America at present. I am closing at 1212.5, just 7.7 points not aware of any interest by our

Among leading shares, Im-perial Chemical Industries did down to

its best to push the indices into ever higher ground. The shares jumped 18p to 730p as market appreciation of the group's sense at this stage for someone purchases in America. ICI last to try and take us over. Let us week paid £625 million for the settle down. But I cannot speak chemicals businesses of Beatrice for the future."

BOC Group went 6p higher to 266p on City hopes that the group might sell its loss-making US operations. Blue Circle also managed a 10p rise to 483p in a

Mr Jeremy Fowler, who resigned as chief executive of Aidcom last summer after the design and research groups merger with S & O Consultants has resurficed in the has resurfaced in the marketing husiness. He has joined Novamark International as deputy chairman, and small shareholder with the specific task of guilding the trade name specialists to a stock market for its creation of the Metro. Maestro and Montego brand names for Austin Rover, and for work for many other big international companies.

firm building and construction Imperial Group, Marks & Spencer and British Telecom, Electrical group Dixons refused to leave the spotlight

following the success of its Speculation that Dixons itself could now fall to a predator was reflected in a 7p rise in the shares to take them to a year's

high of 514p.
BAT Industries is still keen on the speciality retailing sector - and none fits that category better than Dixons/Currys although even the energies of Mr Pairick Sheehy, the chairman, are sure to be taxed to the full integration Hambro Life onto the group's broadening

·financial services arm. One name mentioned as a possible bidder was the American-owned Woolworth group unrelated to the UK chain - but from New York Mr. John 38.3. Cannon; vice president and The FT-SE 100-share index treasurer, said: "Our interest company in Dixons."

By Pam Spooner and Cliff Feltham

252p yesterday.

low point, . -

this year.

higher to 85p.

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to 55p. After an unhappy set of

£727,970 of the leasing subsidi-

Atlanta Investment Trust

added a penny to 137p as Grovebell Group disclosed it

had received acceptances for its

£5.6 million bid from holders of

26.01 per cent of the share. The

offer, which has a cash alterna-

tive of 1271/2, has been extended

for a week. Grovebell will need

to lift the bid to stay in the

game. Its own shares remained

the market limlight, rising 6p to 186p on talk of a bid for the

company. Beatice Foods of the

US is reckoned to be in the

market for more food com-

United Biscuits stepped into

unchanged at 17p.

gossip" by the chairman, Mr-ings mark even for breweries. Stanley Kaims, "Stanley Kaims is noot for sale", he said "It men continue to show their doesn't make any commercial

> Mr Kalms said he thought the price was going up because the Currys deal was being recognized as a good one and was attracting some "solid institutional buying".

> On the brewery pitches share prices responded to market optimism for consumer spending in 1985. Retail sales could well be better than previously expected, as inflation sticks at around 5 per cent a year and earnings look like rising by more than 7 per cent. Two per cent, or more, of real spending power will pass over pub counters, the analysts hope.

> Bass rose 10p to 478p, Grand
> Metropolitan 7p to 320p,
> Greenal Whitley 4p to 155p,
> Arthur Guinness & Sous 6p to
> 194p and Scottish & Newcastle, alongside its better-than-ex-pected results, 4p to 136 % p. There were gains of a few pence for the smaller brewers too.
>
> The Bass price is another peak for the shares, and mark a

near 30p gain in the past two market trading days, Mr Neil Scourse, analyst at stockbroking firm Fielding Newsom-Smith, says: "Bass has come out of the

The Electrical components group, A.F. Bulgin, hit a high for the year of 3 ip yesterday, up 2p on the day, after a bullish investment newsletter enthused over the new management and direction of the company. Profits of £750,000 this year and £1.5 million to £2 million next year are predicted.

results season extremely well, The company has shown that selling and distributing beer can be very profitable if you can get your act right".

'At Laurie, Milbank, the

stockbroker, analyst Mr John Walters has told clients to switch from highly rated re-gionals such as Boddingtons and Greene King into Vanx Brewerles. Mr Walters points out that Yaux will get around 45 per cent of profits this year from The Dixons buying was put hotels but is currently rated at own to "idle Christmas below the average price-earnchemicals interests to ICI last Week

But UB's chairman, Sir Hector Laing says. We keep an eye on the shares and there is Vaux shares were 3p higher at News of more than £7,250,000 worth of orders nothing unusual going on, so far as we are aware. I do not knowhelped shares in Hestalr, the of any aproaches or of anyone looking at the company".

Sir Hector and his family is half-year figures back in Septhe biggest single shareholder. tember, the shares are now comfortably above their 42p but has less than 10 per cent of the foods group - "more than the Pru, but not as much as I At Perry (H) Motors there was confirmation of the sale of would like", he says.

No spokesman for Beatrice was available yesterday, but a takeover try on UB looks unlikely for the US company Some "significant" buying is behind the rise in Peek Holdings from 18p to 27p over the past week. The feeling is that chairman Mr John Leworthy which has been selling food businesses as well as chemical companies inthe past year, the stockbroker best known for Beatrice has a known strategy of his shrewd takeover deals at building up companies and Crystalate - will soon be working his magle on Peek; a grain storage and handling business which finished last year selling them on, and not of investing in mature businesses. At the same time, UB's success in the American market must with a deficit of £313,000. L. Messels, the broker, is forecastmake the group appealing to US ing for up to £250,000 profits

C H Beazer has extended its offer for Bath & Portland until December 28, having only received acceptances for 0.16 per cent of B & P's ordinary shares. Perrylease to United Do-minions Trust. The motor distributor has received the

ary's reserves, plus a £50,000 payment from UDT, Perry will at 277p, 40p above Beazer's share and cash offer price. get the firture earnings arising from the "leased asset portfolio existing at the date of sale". The group's share price rose 7p to 89p. Beazer shares gained 2p to

Gilts traded quietly yet again ahead of the announcement of two new taplests and looked Elsewhere among motor traders, BSG International gained Ip 10: 22p following the back at last week's PSBR rigures, which showed continurepeat of City bid gossip. British Car Auction, led by Mr David ing pressure on Government funding targets. Prices showed Wickins, is thought to be ready around £% and £% lower at the to pounce, BCA shares went Ip

• CANVERMOOR: Final 2.44p.

mkg, 3.64p (same) for year to Sep 30. Turnover £3.74 million (£3.1 million). Pfl., before tax, £402.565 (£521.165). The combined effects of the continuing recession in the North, and more seriously the miners' strike, depressed profits considerably. With its national sale force and distribution inclwork. Canvermoor is now moving away from total reliance on its soft drinks activities into other products and brands; although still related to the licensed trade. The company's continuing policy of innovation and aggressive marketing and selling will the board is convinced, bear fruit once the damage cause by the miners' strike is repaired and the recession eases in the licensed trade. panies, having hived off its

S&N beats stagnation through expansion

When Scottish & Newcastle Breweries last reported its figures the company had just had its takeover bid for J.W. Cameron, the Hartlepool brewer, thwarted by a reference to the Monopolies Commission. Yesterday's announcement of interim results had also been preceded by takeover activity although this time S & N's bid

for Moray Firth Maltings should go through unhindered This flurry of takeover activity is indicative of S & N's strategy which is designed to ensure that the group does not get bogged down in markets which threaten to stagnate,

The acquisition will not only ensure that S & N has its own in-house malt supply - only 10 per cent is manufactured internally against an industry average of about 75 per cent but it will also push the group's interests into areas not normally associated with the brewing companies.

Moray Firth has strong links

with farming and has two subsidiaries involved in agricultural merchanting. It may well be that S & N's acquisition strategy will ignore the welltrodden leisure and drink related path and adopt a more diverse course which will guide it into growth sectors such as

financial services. Even without these developments the group looks in good shape and yesterday's profits of £37.5 million were almost £6 million up on last year. The improvement was largely attributable to an excellent half year from the hotels division

However, brewing profits were also ahead and the performance was even more encouraging considering the exposure that S & N has to the miners' strike. Volumes improved and the proportion of lager sales again increased without the marketing campaign in support it was always going to be difficult to match last year's excellent volumes.

The shares were up 4p to 136 Yap and they might just be ready for an upward run,

BOC, had a 48 per cent rise in salary last year 10 £771,000 way out in front of the competition as usual - while the group as a whole turned in a growth performance only a few percentage points below the managing director's emoluments. Pretax profits rose by

44 per cent to £138 million. His salary increase is explicable - he received a rise and invoices in dollars - and so too is the profits gain, as US demand for industrial gases climbed on the back of the federal deficit-financed gain in output. But the rating suffered. In the last year, the shares have about 25 per cent, and by nearly 10 per cent in the last

BOC is worried that it lags behind the other gas competi-tors, like Air Products and Air Liquide, in terms of multiples. Hence yesterday's "mission to convince" meeting with the analysts, coinciding with the publication of the annual TOPOIT.

The wherefore is not altogether clear, since BOC, by its own admission, plans no big acquisitions, no diversificatory movers, and is not intending to raise massive amount of cash via equity issues. But the board's concern is real enough. no company likes descending into the bottom half of the London market, in what is increasingly a two-tier struc-

Gearing should be viewed to terms of cash flow. Although over a third of equity, on the calculation, such is BOC's cash that it could cover the whole of its debt with two year's gross cash flow. It can contemplate With a portfolio valued at about making a capital spend of £210 million largely concen-about £300 million with no trated in London office marincrement to debt.

voluntary, but it forms part of large property company. Stock BOC's vurtuous circle of Conversion's share were 420p, operations, whereby high capi-compared with the 403p peak tal spending brings down costs, which came after the death of freezes the opposition, and Mr Clark:

Mr Richard Giordano, chairmethods. More crudely. BOC man and chief executive of now accounts for nearly a fifth of the US market, and is

increasingly a price-maker. Add in as well the fact that each particular gas at BOC has its own industrial cycle, not exclusively linked toe gdp trends, and a re-rating case is possible. But the same applies to many companies. The London analysis are tough and will take some convincing

Stock Conversion

Stock Conversion and Investment Trust's results are again up to expectations with a £1.74 million rise and a dividend increase of 25 per cent. But the question remains as to the future direction of the company after the death of its chairman a week ago, Mr Harry Norris has now taken over as chairman fr om Mr Robert Clark.

Not only has the company lost Mr Clark, it has lost Mr Hugh Jenkins, formerly the director general of investment for the National Coal Board pension funds as a non-executive director.

Some in the City feel that Stock Conversion will be looking for a small property company with management expertise which it can take on board to give some weight to whatever direction it may now take. Stock says it sees no reason to change its policies arguing that results speak for

themselves.
One such sphere could be the future development of the former White City stadium in West London, which the company has bought from the GRA Group for £1.7 million.

It is not only the questition of selling the White City site that may arise at Stock Conversion. kets. Stock could find itself on Not only is the gearing the end of a bid from another



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for some time.

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

Shop rents look set to surge ahead of inflation into the middle of 1986. They are currently rising at 7 per cent a year in real terms and should keep up this trend until next soring. Growth will then slow but still outstrip inflation until

The forecast comes from the latest survey of shop rents by

have risen rapidly and although half the increase seen during the rate of increase is beginning 1977-1979, boom years for to slow down it will still have an retailing. upward influence on shop rents

Hillier Parker predicts that Hillier Parker & Rowden, the inflation will stay near its high street retail property, in more rechartered surveyors. inflation will stay near its high street retail property, in more rechartered surveyors.

The forecast is based on the relationship between retail profits which lagged for one year over the next 18 months. If forms of shop property have and personal disposable income. It says that retail profits maintained it will still be only retail sales volume than the half the increase seen during the street renditionally the

The company says that its survey reveals a fundamental change in the market for prime Small towns and secondary locations have seen rental levels more responsive to the volume

high street, traditionally the most favoured form of retail

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FINANCIAL SERVICES

Portrait of a debt rescheduler

By John Lawless

would be happily retired by now. It sent the dollar-dom-

inces tumbling across the

continent, as banks stopped

it to fund long-term projects.
"I am 18 months into injury time." is his way of describing how the day-to-day demands of

debt talks have pulled him

beyond the usual retirement age

of 60 for LBI's executive

Huntrods has shuttled to an

from meetings in New York

nearly 40 times in the past 18

months or so. Last week he flew in the

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At that meeting, the Argen-

to persuade European creditor

package negotiated last week by

Mr Huntrods has occupied

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against the United Kingdom".

"Bluring of issues has become a way of life," he says. "Sometimes, a lot of trouble can be saved by calling a spade a

The man who has negotiated for British banks during the height of the Latin American debt crisis retires this week

Nobody could have been more appropriately stricoled for the totally unexpected task of having to reschedule \$300 billion (£250 billion) worth of Latin Americant flebt than Mr Guy Huntrods II.

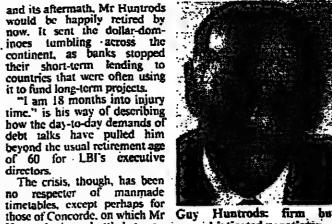
Nineteen years ago, while two-thirds through a 30-year career with the Bank of England, he helped Brazil establish its central bank – with which, in the part two years and

which, in the paint wo years and now as head if Lloyds Bank International's Letin American division, he half been negotiating on behalft of all British banks

banks.

Two years later, in 1967, he became Britain's alternate executive director at the International Mondtary Fund, He was there throughout the period when Britain went through a dress rehears 1, i forced to devalue the point and accept an IMF-monitored economic recovery programme in exchange for a fi billion loan—which first Mexico and, most recently, Argettina have now reenacted. opposite direction, to Zurich, for a meeting which should signal the end of the maximum tine, economy minister, Senor Bernardo Grinspun, will have banks to lend afresh to a new loan \$4.2 billion as part of the Il leading banks which make up the Argentine Working Committee. enacted.

He went into the latest debt crisis "after many years of being intimately conderned with Latin intimately condemed with Latin America", he says, "of knowing the countries and a lot of the relevant personalities at first hand", and having also been "through the economic adjustment process when Britain was at the sharp end and when its policies were thinder strict IMF scrutiny".



sophisticated negotiator

do it gracefully."
Mr Huntrods has also been on the Uruguayan committee, but became deputy chairman of

"Phase one of the Brazilian operation had been a shambles," an American banker recalled last week, "after the Brazilians had walked into a meeting, declared 'This is what the banks have got to do' and .

"They then had to go into phase two, last year, seeking the

committee "have always been problem and extremely supportive in any issues which have smacked of discrimination

Guy Huntrods: firm but

bloody shovel - provided you

the Brazil committee after a reshuffle of its bank members about two years ago. His presence on it at the 10p, the international financial community agrees, was crucial to the whole Latin American debt rescheduling programme that was to follow.

walked out again.

mittee during a time when his country has had no diplomatic, political or trade links with its sary. "It has always been a difficult path to tread", he acknowledges, "between the legitimate commercial interests exceptional amount of \$6.5. billion in new money, with the world's financiers backing off triple-fast. If Brazil had gone

> trods and a younger executive: Mr Christopher Brougham is credited with being inventive beyond the call of their bank's (undeclared) exposure. They managed to change for example, the gay banks thought about their inter-bank, or sixmonth, lending of excess figure-

convinced banks that it was viable for them, and essential for all, 30 kept that cash in

It was however, the partnership on Brazil that quickly grea-between the new committee chairman, Mr Bill-Rhodes, a senior vice-president with Citi-bank, and Mr-Hunfreds, that was to provide a crucial part of the long-term framework for the whole Latin American resche-

duling programme.
In the frantic six to eight weeks of telephoning 700 banks worldwide to set commitments to Brazil's \$6.5 billion loan, observers say that the cigar-smoking Mr Rhodes contribnted the US-style, never-give-up aggressiveness, while Mr Hun-trod's British sophistication and quict determinatioon was the perfect foil.

At 10.30pm on the nigh before the commitments' deadline, a telex arrived in New York from a Spanish bank for \$10 million pushing the total through \$6 billion, "Gentle-men," Mr Huntrods told an informal committee dinner, "the impossible has just been achieved." (In the end they scraped together \$10 million more than needed).

Some of Mr Huntruds's

declarations -have gone into financial folklore. He once told a debtor, who complained he had not had "complete justice". that such a thing could only be got on the day he "met the Great Rescheduler in the Sky".

Plain-speaking has got Mr Huntrods a reputation of being an extremely hard negotiator but his bank committee colleagues got it right when, at a selfarewell dinner in New York last week, they gave him a Tunder then, and Mexico too, as shirt. It was inscribed with the seemed highly possible, tots of those bankers would have gone carry a sword of steel."

Lest anyone should think that The LBI team of Mr Hun- Mr Huntrods has only applied tough principles to poor Third -World countries in the past three years, there are IMF officials who remember him telling a visiting official who was asking for a massive standby credit that "We cannot behave like that". That happened in 1969 - and

ity." the US banker added. "In the official was British."

Pretax loss cut sharply at Redfearn

By Alison Eadie

The reorganization of its glass container business helped Redfearn National Glass to produce an operating profit of £1.1 million in the year to September 30 compared with a loss of £2.1

At the pretax level a loss of £225,000 was registered against a previous loss of £3.7 million, but an extraordinary credit of £856,000 resulted in an attributable profit of £612,000 compared with a loss in 1983 of £9.2

The extraordinary items came largely from the sale of properties surplus to require-

Turnover decreased by 11 per cent to £56.5 million following the consolidation of glass operations at a single site. RN Plastics made its first foll-year profit of £110,000 against a loss

of £238,000 in 1983. The company says the more favourable trend in profitabli-lity has continued in the early part of the current financial year and it views 1985 with confidence. Despite the recovery, a nominal dividend of 0.1 per share was recommended for the

second year running.
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Profit on investment activities*	8.870	7,728
Dealing Profits	613	18
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Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	9,483	7,746
Estimated taxation	4,200	3,828
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	5,283	3,918
Minority Interests	105	194
Profit attributable to members of Stock Conversion	5,178	3,724
		7.4
Earnings per share	9.89p	7.11p
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Times covered	3.9	· 3.5

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year the BBC and then later the

independent television companies

with industrial partners, were to vacillate over the commercial vi-ability of a Direct Broadcasting Satellite (DBS). The original partner-

ship of the BBC and the satellite consortium British Aerospace, Mar-coni and British Telecom, had been

inspired by a government keen on promoting British industry but having little idea how to do it.

satellite design on commercial grounds would be American. If the

last 12 months is to be followed by

another year of the same indecision France, Germany, Luxembourg and even Ireland will have their satellites

The Green Paper Television Across Frontiers highlighted the spirit of the Treaty of Rome which was to

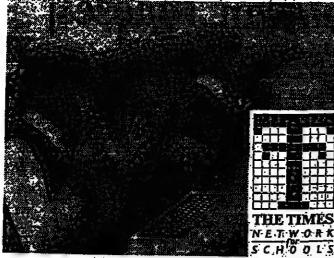
encourage "cross-border" transfers of

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TO ENTER The competition is open to students aged 11 to 18 years inclusive and is not restricted to members of TTNS. No technical programming is required and schools do not need computer equipment in order to enter. Entrants are asked to devise an imaginative and original com-munications project that makes best use of TTNS features, and expands the use of computers in educational and social merits of the scheme will be taken into consideration, as will the practical implementation, and en-trants should bear in mind its

international possibilities. The main features of TTNS are: 1. Inter-school communication_ Inter-school communication is already part of the network, nationwide, using computers—the subscription will be refund A central database, search—ed.)

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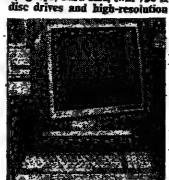
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lost pride as it was the lost satellites While the European Commission promise. Television did was prepared to accept that satellite television was inevitable, the British take some faltering steps towards Big were not convinced. For most of the

Brother through the auspices of the European Commission which officially recognized that satellite television, programmes would be beamed across national boundaries, was no longer a

promise but a reality. That recognition television would not in the future be controlled by the political forces of which George Orwell was so fearful. That acknowledgement was made in the summer by the commission, through the publication of a Green Paper, and could prove the most

significant influence on the Information Technology industry between now and 2004. Satellites had been in the news at the beginning of the year. British insurance brokers, who in January had been making plans to provide the insurance for £7,000 million worth of satellites and space craft due for launching during the year, were licking their wounds by the spring when an abortive space shuttle mission was to lose two

communication satellites. Two separate amounts totaling £75 million comprised London's share of the compensation to be paid to the owners of the satellites. Westar 6, owned by Western Union with an insurance cover of \$104 million - 50 per cent of which was insured in Loudon - was the first shock in the February mission.

Within two days the Indonesian government satellite-Palapa B2 was lost. It had been re-insured abroad for \$75 million, of which nearly two thirds was placed in London. The story had a poor start but a happy ending

Both satellites were recovered in the autumn by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

THE YEAR

By Bill Johnstone Technology Correspondent

had the right to have free access Commenting on the Green Paper the EEC had said about television: "As one of the key media in the dissemation of information, ideas and opinions, television can play an important role in nurturing Eurohistorical heritage".

Worthy sentiments indeed but the issues will need to be addressed by the member states in 1985 as a matter of urgency. The Commission had stressed that the Green Paper was but a discussion document. That was a political smokescreen. Everyone on the IT industry knows that the questions raised by the paper must not only be addressed but solved.

It was the pressure from the Commission which was also instrumental in forcing Britain

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Headliners of the year

Such legislation had been discussed in Britain for about 20 years but governments of both right and left had been reluctant to legislate. The Commission however was determined to ensure that computer data of a sensitive nature - would be afforded the same protection in each

if its member states. Such legislation would ensure that the transfer of information across state borders would be simple - a fundamental ingredient in the information technology society of this decade. Conferences, seminars and presentations have been organized through-out the year to educate businessmen on the Data Protection Act and the legality of their controls on data. This year they will really need to become expert or they will find themselves, no matter how innocent, on the wrong side of the law.

But two themes were to dominate the IT industry during 1984; the privatization of British Telecom and the growing skills shortage, A 16-man committee led by junior industry minister Mr John Butcher attempte to help. Its first report published in July tried to steer a smooth passage around industry and the education establishment.

It called for a marriage between industry and academia, John Butcher was reluctant to offend any party and was extremely successful and made it clear on the publication of his surprised even the most optimistic paper that it was to be the basis for supporters of privatization. Previous reluctant to change its methods of but British Telecom was to prove working respond positively to the different. There are many who were needs of modern society and recog-fearful of a shareholder register that nize the value of numeracy. Industry was measured in hundreds of is equally to blame. It had for decades thousands if not millions. There were treated its engineers almost with others who believed that a new breed contempt and has reserved its of capitalist-socialists was about to be hansomest rewards for non-technical born. middle management and marketeers.

educate its staff. It usually com- right after all,

plained about academia while using every excuse not to invest in its own

About ten industrialists have got together to provide most of the funding for a £10 million Institute of Technology, based in Milton Keynes. Graduate, post graduate and conversion courses will be offered next year, a move which may revolutionize the IT sector and the next it agreed to the sector and the next it agreed to the sector and th IT sector and the way it responds to education. It is but one project. There must be more. Britain in 1985 will have an even greater IT deficit than the £2,000 million one which it acummulated this year.

But the privatization of British Telecom and its growing stature in the IT industry was one of the major debating points in 1984. There were those who were fearful that a privatised British Telecom would have too much influence on the IT sector. Proponents of that view were to thwart the corporation's ambitions in the latter part of the year to go into partnership with IBM to offer a computer data management network.

There were those who believe that a multinational British Telecom will put the UK on the international IT map and that privatization will help to achieve that end.

The floration of British Telecom discussion. The truth is that the attempts to sell off other government educational establishment has been stock had not had the same response,

Both supporters and opponents It has also been reluctant to accept recognize the big brother status of its responsibilities to train and British Telecom. Maybe Orwell had it

Is it really nix to Unix?

With IBM expected to launch a version of the Unix operating system for its mainframes early next year, a US report predicts a limited future for the system. International Research Development, a research organiza-tion, predicts that Unix will not penetrate the commercial market widely. At best, says the company, Unix will remain a 'niche standard" in the markets in which it already enjoys a considerable amount of success. such as education and science and engineering.

IBM has put Unix on several of its existing systems, such as the PC and specialist scientific system the System 9000, available only in the US. But it has computer emphasized that these implintations are clearly aimed markets, as the company mainframe company explained when it launched the of running like so PC/AT with Xenix, a Unix- has a version of U PC/AT with Xenix, a Unix- has a vers based system, in the UK in mainframe

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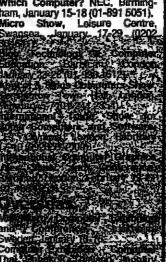
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Italian, German, and Californian wines". Looking like a pocket calculator it has an LCD display which lists vintage years for 11 wine regions, and rates each year's harvest on a numerical scale, even advising if

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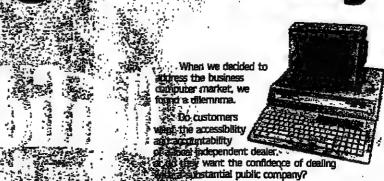
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CRICKET: VICTORY IN SECOND TEST AS INDIA SUCCUMB TO TWO WILY SPINNERS







Arms that disarmed a sub-continent: the spinners Pocock and Edmonds and the batsman Fowler enjoying their high Indian summer

England end their longest drought

England's barren period with- Trent Bridge against New gripping day's play here yester-day when they won the second Test match by eight wickets. India's batsmen succumbed to the wiles of Edmonds and Pocock, who shared the last cight wickets between them, and England were left with only 125 to make. Their win ended a sequence of 13 Tests without success, the worst in their history, and levelled the fivematch series 1-1.

India were dismissed in their second innings for 235 with only Shastri, who lought hard for two hours and a half. showing any determination in the later stages. India lost their last six wickets for 31 runs after lunch in 90 minutes, with Patil and Kapil Dev. in particular, playing strokes unworthy of their pedigree. It was an unexpectedly abject surrender by a side supposedly trying to force a draw.

Other than changing ends. Edmonds bowled without a break and his figures vesterday were 31-19-31-4, a triumph for skilful flight and subtle changes of pace. Right to the end the bounce was uneven but the pitch never deteriorated as much as expected and there was only slow turn available to the spinners. Pocock, too, showed stamina as well as guile as he bowled 25.4 overs yesterday and took four for 45. In this game Edmonds and Pocock have looked far better bowlers than their Indian counterparts. han their Indian counterparts. for six and a lofted four over England's last Test win was at mid-on ended the game.

out a victory ended after a Zealand in August, 1983. This for two days with a stomach against Australia in December 1982. And to complete what has Robinson helluva good feeling" to have the last 20 were signalled with won at last, "We made the runs England still needing 67. Fowler in this match that we should was caught at silly point but

> He singled out Robinson for his monumental innings of 160. Robinson, he said, had brought the composure and concentration which earned him runs in county cricket into the Test game. "His was a marvellous effort on his first tour and one which is acknowledged to be a difficult one." Gower said ther was no stage in the game when he felt England were going to win until the last Indian wicket had fallen. "Our spinners kept going through thick and thin with fortunes up and down. Wickets kept coming at the

right time for us." With tea taken between the innings. England had 59 minutes and 20 overs to reach their last target. To seasoned professionals it was a doddle compared with many a thirdday run chase undertaken in the championship and England won with 8.2 overs in hand. Gavis-kar conceded when the score was 117 and came on to bowl himself. Lamb on-drove him

Place for Agnew's pace

candidates as Paul Allott's replacement on England's tour of India (Richard Streeton writes). As soon, as England heard yesterday that it would be best for Allott to return home for treatment to his injured back, they asked for a fast bowler to take his place and suppested Agnew. England felt it was essential to have another fast bowier in case Cowans wicket when they might wish to

They were named yesterday in a squad of 13 as Australia seek to

change their fortunes after losing the first three matches in the five-Test

McDermott is a talented 19-yearold Queensland fast-medium bowler who has forced his way into contention with some impressive performances in the Sheffield

Shield, Hilditch, the South Austra-

han opener, is recalled after winning the last of his nine Test caps live

the base of his spine. With rest and treatment he has every chance of being able to rejoin the tour in early February for the Australian section. The injury is a bitter disappointment to Allott, who regained an England place last summer when he bowled as well as at any time in his cureer.

Agnew, who took 34 wickets at 28.72 last season, bowled encouragingly when he won his first England cap in the fifth Test match with West indies at the Oval. He took some punishment against Sri Lanka but there is no question of his

Jonathan Aguew's basic pace the base of his spine. With rest and secured him a place ahead of other treatment he has every chance of

Australia drop Alderman Matthews, the New South Wales sydney (Redier) - Craig Alexermont, the uncapped opening bowler,
and Andrew Hilditch and Greg, 1983-84 home series against PakisMatthews, the discarded internationals, have been called up by
Australia for the fourth Test against

Test, against West Indies in the

Caribbean earlier this year. John Dyson, the opener, And Terry Alderman, the fast-medium bowler, are dropped from the team who lost the Third test in Adelaide

Robbie Kerr. Queensland's un-capped opening batsman, has been placed on standby for Graeme Wood, who will have a fitness test in Mathematica. Melbourne on Thursday for a

AND I MALIA: A Border (captant), A Hoog (vice-captant), M Bennett, D Boon, A Hildsch, 8 Hottand, K Hoghes, G Lawson, C McDermott, G Matthews, S Roxon, K Wessels, G Wood

later in the year, was seen at his most emotional when fishing the air in joy after holing the winning purt at St Andrews.

He explained, "It was the most emotional emotions in the control of the state of the stat

emotional moment of my life. Winning the Open for the first time is difficult, but I believe that to win

it a second time is twice as hard. It

was also a very special moment, on I think never to be repeated, because

it was at St Andrews and because

Tom Watson was challenging hard.*

He is keen to play more in Europe in 1985, with the PGA champion-ship, sponsored by Whyte & Mackay, and the British Masters,

sponsored by Dunhill, pencilled i

good news. It's marrellous. I'e played three times in the past, with a best finish of joint 28th in 1981, but I believe that my new grip will give

me a better chance this time. The Augusta course is suited to flying the ball high and since I switched my grip I've discovered that I can strike the ball much higher."

Fowler, who has been in bed was their ninth overseas Test upset and did not field earlier, since their last win abroad, opened with Robinson and they had put on 41 in 10 overs when pushed forward Sivaramakrishnan been a grisly saga, this was against Sivaramakrishnan, Gower's first win in 11 Tests as overbalanced and Shastri at England captain. Gower after- point threw down the wicket. wards admitted that it was "a India bowled 12 overs before have made in Bombay", he Gatting and Lamb finished the came with a succession of fiercely struck boundaries.

contrary to Patil's instincts and Pocock did the trick with a sharply turning ball that spun back into the wicket as the it showed. Patil was 22 and the total 177 batsman jabbed down on it.

when Gower clearly thought he had taken a low catch at silly point off Pocock. Shastri had scored three runs in 17 overs when he changed gear and square drove Edmonds for two successive fours. In the last over before lunch Patil pulled take India to 204 at the interval. It was an ambitious stroke so near the interval and a portent of what was to come. In the

leat 27 days after his 21st birthday. Indian cricket officials would not

comment on reasons for his omission, but he is reported to have

has a heated argument with his captain Soull Gaveskar, who

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India's slump began when, in successvie overs. Patil and

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India drop Kapil Dev

Delhi (Agencies) — India have dropped their former captain, Kapil Dev, for the first time. Hours after India were beaten here yesterday by England, he was omitted from the squad for the Third Test in Calcutta. Kapil Dev, aged 25, became a national hero after he led India to victory in the World Cup in England last year. His omission from the Test and the one-day international at Cuttack on December 27 - means be is out of the squad for the first time in the 66 Tests India have played since he made his debut in Pakistan in the 1978-79 series.

He became the youngest cricketer in Test history to complete the double of 1,000 runs and 100

At the start Edmonds opened the bowling with Cowans and drew first blood in the day's second over when Amarnath played down the wrong line and had his off stump clipped. India, resuming at 128 for two, were only 17 ahead and needed runs as well as survival for their batsmen. Patil hit two leg-side fours against Cowans but the fast bowler gave Gavaskar a torrid time, twice hitting him on the body. No batsman can be more obdurate than Gavaskar when necessary and from the way he grimly played every ball, it seemed that he would be there ali dav.

Gavaskar, though, having hours and had relutantly treated added 14 in 70 minutes, was the spinners with respect Kapil suddenly bowled by Pocock. Dev's performance was a poor ball Pocock managed all day. Gavaskar, a little surprisingly, catch behind off Edmonds, was making room to square cut India had lost three wickets in but the ball bounced more than five overs. They were 105 runs usual and his middle sturn was on and three hours remained, knocked back. Shastri can bat with the match for the first time defensively and gave England definitely tilting towards Englittle hope from the moment he land. Kirmani was the next

Yadav early on survived a confident appeal for a low catch by Cowdrey at forward short leg off Edmonds. Cowdrey hurled the ball to the ground in his disappointment. similar appeal gainst Yadav to Gower at silly point and Shastri

when he missed an intended sween against Pocock. At times both teams taxed the umpires' patience, with Shastri wasting time when he complained about a television are light on the pavilion wall. England finally broke through again when Yadav, after lingering 40 min-uics, edged a catch to gully as he played a defensive stroke against Edmonds. Three overs later. Sivaramakrishman gave accused him of throwing his wicket away. He came in with India struggling in a difficult position - 96 Pocock a return catch.

from a near and the wickets left. He lifted the second delivery be faced for a six, but was caught at extra cover by Lamb when be tried to repeat the stroke off the next ball, making only seven runs, Kapil Dev replaced Gavaskur as India's captain after a disastrous tour of Pakistan in 1982-83.

England dressing room, appar-FALL OF WICKETS, 1-41, 2-68. ently, there was a communal

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five-day break from England's winter tour in India. He will miss the match with East Zone starting in Gauhati today to spend five days at a game reserve near Jaipur in

Victory eludes Tasmania

Devenport (Reuter) - Injury-hit Tasmania, chasing 162 in 100 minutes and 20 overs to beat the West Indians, finally settled for a draw at 110 for six on the final day of their four-day match. Australian cricket's smallest state suffered injuries to seven of their players during the game, but after bowling out the mighty West Indians twice, had high hopes of victory.

Richards, acting as captain in place of libral ast reget of the

place of Lloyd, set most of the lielders around the boundary, and relied entirely on the pace of Walsh and Baptiste to keep a tight check on the Tasmanians.

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-41, 3-53, 4-74, 5-55, 6-110.

with the Alan Joneses

arde before giving a cursory glance at the credits. Thus one hears with a sense of resignation that a national selector who watched one of his country's players make a splendid contribution to Saturday's tour-finale between the Barbarians and the Ausralians proceeded afterwards

the Australians proceeded area was a long of through that player's faults.

His longue may have been in his known when to reflex during the cheek selectors, objective men, two days before the game with have to see what their players. Wales, the Australians liardly trained at all. cannot do as well as what they can.
But perhaps if we thought more
about maximizing the talents of our
players, and about organizing our leams to cover weaknesss we would produce more effective and more

That has been the key to Australia's success: they have thought more about their game, they have prepared better, they have identified their objectives and gone for them regardless of the set backs which have occurred along the way.

With dur regard for the self-effacing management of Chilla Wilson.

an immense amount of the credit for this team's record has to go to Jones. His is the most analytical brain I have encountered in charge of a national side and his

Barbarians

cek and against Pontypridd on

an Smith, the wasps wing who thate such an impression against the Australians. Stephens, the Bridgend-prop who damaged ribs playing for Wales against Australia last, month, has not played since but lopes to be fit for the game with Cardiff.

Both has two traction measurables.

It for the game with Cardill.

Bath have two testing encounters this Saturday, when they send a team to play Pontypool and entertain Sale at the Recreation Ground. The double fixture arises because, believing that England—would have a national merit table. Bath organized the game with Sale and asked Pontypool to play on

Then, however, the Rugby Football Union arranged a div-

isional match in Gloucester against the Romanians on New Year's Day.

in which Both are bound to have an

interest, so, since both clubs wanted

to honour the fixture. Pontypool agreed to revert to the pre-Christmas date.

January (.

fillip for Holmes By David Hands Terry Holmes, the Welsh scrum half who has been missing from the game since mid-October, when he game since mid-october, when he dislocated a shoulder playing for Cardiff against Pontypool, has been invited to play for the Barbarians against Leicester on December 27. He joins eight members of the side that scored 30 points against the Australians less Saturday.

ENGLAND First Immigs #18 (R T Robinson 160, P R Downton 74, A J Lamb 52: L Swaramajorishnan 6 for 99) Second Immigs G Fowler, c Vangsarkar, b Swaramajorisman

BOWLING: Kape Dev. 6-0-20-0, Prabhaki 3-0-18-0; Siranneimelmen, 8-041-1; Yach 2-0-7-0; Sheshi, 4-0-20-0; Garestar, 0 4-10-9; Thing Test: December 31-January 5 (Calcutte). Fourth Test: January 13-18 (Madring). Fifth Test: January 31-February 5 (Kampus).

David Gower is to take a connection with the World Wildlife Fund.

Christmas date.

BARBARIANS IV Lucestar): M Wydii (Swansna and Wates); S Smith (Wasps), R Actarmen (London Weish and Wates), M Rang (Cardiff and Wates), R Bent (Raino and Scotland), G Daves (Cardiff and Wates), T Hotmes (Bentoff and Wates), I Swansna; (Bridgand and Wates), M Waterne (Northampton and England), S McGaughey (Northampton and England), S McGaughey (Haunck and Scotland), W Andarson (Durgaraton and Instand), R Norstar (Cardiff and Wates), G Ress (Nothighaen and England), J Jeffrey (Kelso and Scotland).

How Britain can keep up

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

successful Australian touring party.

annals:

cver is not that we should forget
them and their creative, attractive into his confidence and his players
that we should look around at our
that we should look around at our
own resources and say. "We do not
possess the players, therefore we
cannot play in that sixle."

It has been a swelling theme in
the conversation of Alan Jones, the
outstanding tour coach, that there is
too much doom and gloom in
Britain. We und to look at the debit
this year.

too much doom and gloom in was in the a this year.

Jones has approached his task
with the view to the whole player,
not to forwards of half backs or
threequariers. The skills of one hove
become the skills of the other and
only when specific unit skills, such
as scrums and lineouts, have been
practised, has he divided the two
areas. A strict disciplinarian, he has
known when to relax during the

Jones has also been a psychologist. He started looking at videos of the likely opposition back in February, he identified their strengths and part of his strategy has been to attack those strengths. All too often he has found that if an

no time for the deadening effect of tradition, hypocrisy, fools and the kind of thinking which says rugby is something apart from life.

The greatest danger to British them place him alongside the late the Australian RFU, the chances are gibt in the wake of the most Carwyn James in modern cosching that there will be recommendation for additional, shorter tours to the encounters out towards the kind of games which can be enjoyed at the kind of venues which will show young men an alternative way of life. So they will press for the retention of fixtures with Combined Services and for the restoration of

Oxbridge to the four mile Longrage to the tout mannar.

Longrages he would love to coech.

England, beause of the potential he
believes to be there. He sees

Scotland as still a considerable force dark horses this home season. With two exceptions, he describes the standards of reference he has encountered as outstanding being particularly king towards Messrs Auttenton, Norting and Hilditch

Perhaps part of Jones's secret is that he is a Queenslander working in New South Wales and has been able to blend the disparate elements of to mend the disparate elements of Australian rugby. He has been blessed with many outstanding players, of whom I am inchned to select Gould and Tynman as the most consistent closely pursued by Farr-Jones and Rodriguez, whose well-being has been of immense consistents.

opposing team's primary plan is disrupted, there has been no secondary plan to fall back on.

Jones himself never played rugby at anything other than schoolboy level—he was a full back. Curiously, many of the best referees have been those hardly played the game and may, therefore, have avoided the conceptions of others. He also bas "their high spirits. After all, if players can go winter bathing in the Bristol of selection of the players are owners betting in the Bristol can go winter bathing in the Bristol of there has been there has been and dedicated without ever fosing conceptions of others. He also bas "their high spirits. After all, if players can go winter bathing in the Bristol of the property of the played t can go winter bathing in the Bristol Channel at Portheawl, or in the waters of the Tweed, beating Wales

Australian players' tour records

that scored 30 points against the Australians last Soturday. Holmes's injury, after a collision with Huish, the Pontypool flanker, prevented him from playing against the Australians either for Cardiff or Wales. But he has played twice for Cardiff Athletic this month, scoring two tries against Garndiffaith last Saturday, and is available for his club's games against Bridgend this acek and against Pontypridd on Boxing Day.

It is a strong Barbarians side, including the one uncapped player in Smith, the Wasps wing who made

England provide step up ladder for Romanians

By Chris Thau Claude Dourthe, the former

Even though Romania's first French captain and now a recentlytakes place on January 5, in the middle of their traditional midwinelected member of the FFR, has offered Romania three games, in ter break from the game, the Romanians will not be short of match practice. Their build-up has developed into a six-match, three-

country epic.

Romania regard the England game as an important stepping-stone to full international recognition and, as well as last Sunday's divisional games which immediately precede that Twickenham match, they have been helped by the French federation.

Results of schools matches

Bayonne to play a Basque selection (December 19), then in Tarbes for a game against the French Police (December 22) and finally in Foix to The following day they are due at Manchester and will play the Northern Division at Birkhamps-

lead Park on December 29 and the South and South-West Division at

By accepting games against the French teams, the Romanians run the risk of injury to their leading players. The games against the Basques and the Police will be particularly testing, but this is a risk Romania are prepared to run. The Rugby Football Union have indicated that, on subsequent occasions, the arrangements would be the same as for France, who usually fly in the Thurday evening before an international.

Ballesteros collects a second trophy

Severiano Ballesteros yesterday collected his second prize in 24 hours, without having to remove a club from his bag, when he was nominated the Association of Golf Writers' trophy winner of 1984.
Ballesteros, who won the Open Ballesteros, who won the Open championship for a second time when he edged out Tom Watson in a thrilling encounter at St Andrews

in July, had received the "overseas" trophy at the BBC Television Sports Personality of the Year awards on

ing in South Africa in the new year but his American campaign will not begin until the Doral Open on February 21. The Association of Golf Writers' trophy is awarded each year to the individual, born and resident in Europe, who, in the opinion of a majority of members, has done most for European golf during the preceding 12 months

Ballesteros, who also received the award in 1979, said: "I'm highly delighted and very appreciative bacause this trophy carries the votes of people within the game who know what they are talking about".
The Spaniard, who went on to win the World Match Play Championship, sponsored by Suntory, at Wentworth and the Million

Sandy Lyle yesterday discovered that, like Sam Torrance, he has been

invited to compete in the United

States Masters, at Augusta next April (Mitchell Platts writes). Lyle explained: "My father has been keeping the post sent to my old home he found a letter with an

 Sam Torrance has been named as Scotland's golfer of the year. Torrance, who finished second in the 1984 European order of merit. received the James Gammack Clark award at a lunch in Edinburgh vesterday. Gary Weir. of Haggs Castle, was the under-23 golfer of Dollar Challenge in South Africa , the year, Lyle off to US Masters

Zurbriggen responds to challenge

Madonna di Campiglio, Italy (Reuter) – Marc Girardelli, 1h0 Austrian who skis for Luxembourg Austrian who skis for Luxembourg, swept to victory in the mea's World Cup super-giant slatom here vesterday, beating his keenest rival, Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland, by nearly a second.

Grand-life and Austrian Austrian Switzerland, Circuit Switzerland, Cir

Grardelli elocked 1 min 41.87secs over the 47-gate course. Another member of the Swiss team, Martin Hangl, was third. The result was good enough to keep Zurbriggen just ahead of Girardelli in the overall World Cup standings.

The race also counted, with the slalom held here on Sunday, towards a combined competition,

but both Guardelli and Zurbriggen lost their chance when they were elininated for missing gates in Sunday's race. Andreas Wenzel, Sunday's runner-up and sixth yesterday, finished with the best two-day aggregate.
Ingemar Stenmark, racing on the
tenth anniversary of the first of his

79 World Cup victories, finished a disappointing 5.48 seconds behind

RESULTS: Super-giant statons: 1, M Grandelii (Luct.) 1 min 41 87 sec; 2, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 1,42.78; 3, M Hangi (Switz), 1,43.20; 4, H Enn (Austra), 1,43.52; 5, G Herbarsser (Austra), 1,43.52; 5, A Wenzel (Lucch), 1,43.62; 7, 1 Marzote (N), 1,43.73; 8, T Bürger (Switz), 1,43.92; 10, R Erlacher (ID, 1,44.11, B Getren (Austria), 1,44.25; 12, M Wasmaser, (WG), 1,44.25; 13, R Pramoton (ID, 1,44.42; 14, F Piccard (Fr), 1,44.42; 15, P Muster (Switz), 1,44.52; 18, R Pramoton (ID, 1,44.42; 14, F Piccard (Fr), 1,44.42; 15, P Muster (Switz), 1,44.52; 18, R Muster, 1,44.52; 14, SZ British plecopis, 62, M Bell 147.22; 23, G Sel, 1,49.45, Combined: 1, Wanzai; 2, T Stagdssinger (Austra); 2, M Julen (Switz); 4, Buljer; 5, P Popangelov, (Bul); 6, B Krizzi (Yus); WORLD CUP OYERALL STANDINGS: 1, Zuronggen (ID4 pts. 2, Grandelii, 95; 3, Wenzel, 67, 4, Erlacher, 54, 5, Julen, 50; 6, Hangl, 63, 7,

SKIING: WENZEL TAKES COMBINED EVENT IN ITALY



Edging closer: Madonna di Campiglio brings Marc Girardelli his third victory of the season Burgier, 52 8. Know, 42. equal 9. Premotion

Because of a lack of snow, the Bormio, Italy, on Friday has been

and O Toesch (I), 41.

GIANT SLALONI STANDINGS: 1. Grarded,
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7. Enn, 3. 8. Julian, 28: 9. Premotion, 27: 10.
Francio, 24.
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Burgier, 44:50: 6. Popangelou, 46:55: 6. Knzey,
48:77: 7. Pramotion, 49:62: equal 8. Toesch
and 1 Stermark (Swo), 56:10: 10. Enn, 56:36.

women's giant stators. World Cup postponed.
race planned for Altenmark. Scotland will host a World Cup

Austria. On Friday will now be held in Santa Caterina. Italy, today. A women's downhill scheduled for Santa Catarina tomorrow has been put back to Friday and the first of are expected to include Franz two men's downhill races at Weber, of Austria.

BOXING

Warren gives Magri world title chance

While London's biggest boxing on January 19, and other world title

conglomerate contemplate an investigation into their activities by
Britain's governing body in the New
Year. Frank Warren, their thorniest
rival announced yesterday that he
is likely to be involved in world tide
Marsh's world hopes rest on his bouts which could create a turnover of between £3 million and £4

opposition have been well out of American. Consalo Montes, who pocket on some of their promotions: recently boxed unsuccessfully for

flourishing a telex message of confirmation from the World Boxing Council flyweight champion. Sot Chitalada, of Thailand, announcing that he is: willing to come to London to defend his title come to London to defend his title into disrepute through the medium of a letter - containing a reference to the c Pavilion on February 20. Warren is confident be will have written confirmation of the champion's intentions today of conforms.

Warren has asked his match-maker. Ernie Fossey, to try to persuade Lawless to allow several more of his boxers to appear on the Alexandra Palace bill. Warren, in the meatime, is

pursuing his Incrative plans to promote the challenge by the Weishman. Colins Jones, for the World Boxing Assocation weiter-weight title, held by Don Curry, of the United States, in Birmingham

ability to best Peter Eubancks, of Brig Jon. at the Britainnia Sports Centre. Shoreditch, on January 16. Inillion in 1985.

Centre: Shoreditch, on January 16.

The bout was originally scheduled for Alexandra Palace cartier this Barrett: Jarvis Astaire and Terry Lawless, over allegations that they to fame is that he is the only boxer are operating a cartel. Warren looks forward to a prosperous New Year.

"I have never lost money on a promotion yet", he said in a clear reference to the claim that the composition have been well out of American Cenzelo Mentes, who

Warren also announced yesterday Lawless's prize boxers, at Alexandra Warren - that was published in the Pavillon on February 20. Warren is Sunday Times at the weekend.

 Brian Schumacher, a Royal Navy diver and ABA middlewcight champion for the past two years, is in the England team to meet Scotland in the amateur international in Dundee on January 17. national in Dundee on January • TEAM: Bight Byweight: J Lyon (St Heien at three-gibt M Smith (Bushey, Hera); bentant Marphy (St Albene); teether P Hodglundo (Urkoy), and P Englash (Galagher, Others (Bight C Crook (Chorley); light weller Kershaw (Hototran, Manchestor); welker Elabe (Fibrory Lodge, London); light mediate Douglas (St George's, London); dieffer middles Douglas (St George's, London); dieffer fill Schumerber (Fill); Bight heevy: J Mora (Austin, Barmingham); heevy: D Strats (Repto

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Connors apologizes for his behaviour and escapes disqualification

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Göteborg

Jimmy Connors has not been disqualified from today's reverse singles in the Davis Cup final between Sweden and the United States, Even if he had been disqualified, the U.S. would have been permitted to replace him. Alan Mills, the referee, admitted yesterday that he had misinterpreted the relevant rule when announcing on Sunday evening that, as Sweden already led 2-0, the five-match final would be over

if Connors was disqualified.
Connors incurred fines amounting to a total of roughly. £1.650 for his misconduct while losing in straight sets to Mats Wilander. The possibility of disqualification arose because of a comment Comors made at he end of the match.

Yesterday Connors offered a convincing apology to umpire and referee, Mills accepted that, partly because of the importance of the occasion, partly because "a lot of people would have been disappointed had there been a default, and partly hecause of his sympathetic awareness that Connors was under stress because his wrie was expecting a baby "at any minute". On the other hand Mills had reservations about the fact that, having checked the rule agam and consulted the International Tennis Federation, he now knew that a disqualified player must be

The implications offer interesting debating points that could keep us busy for hours. If you had hours to spare you may reasonably start from the premise that - as injury itself

Seed on top

Kate Brasher's 6-3, 6-3 win over Stobhan Nicholson in the first rould of the Sunsilk women's singles championship at the David Lloyd Centre. Heston, yesterday was not as straightforward as the score suggest. Miss Brasher, the second to 6 due in the first rould to 6 due in the first round to 6 due in the first round. seed, sped to 5-0 up in the first set only for the Irish international to ecover to within a point of reaching

R Etry (Middle- bt FF Couldridge 6-4, 6-4, D Stewart (Susser) bt 5 Lance) 6-3, 6-2, A Grundeld (Lance) bt 4 (Lence) 6-3, 6-3, S Reeves (Kent) bt 5 (Midtle) 6-2, 6-1; J Capten (Henne) bt R (Bertis) 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, S Tames (Essee) by 7) Wildles 6-4

HOCKEY Loughborough are close to

By Joyce Whitehead

losing record

Brighton Polytechnic nearly spoilt Loughborough College's record on the second day of the three-day physical education colleges tournament yesterday. But they missed a penalty stroke and proceeded to lose by the only goal of the reach.

Scoring has not been high except for two of the host college's matches. Sunday brought joy for Oxfordshire. On their home ground they beat Somerset 3-2, a surprise that was well deserved because Oxfordshire worked hard.

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SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier Division: Oxford Hanks 1. East Constead 2. Middlenes/Bust-sides, Bucks and Oxfor Regional: City of Oxford 1. Stories 0. WEDDLER CUP Second reunit: Ensions 7. Polyspolius D. WOMEN'S COUNTY MATCH: Oxforights 3. Somerse 2.

does not make substitution final. Then it snowed - aft mandatory - a player who is one day of a great tennis mentally or physically infirm festival. Yesterday's dawn promay serve his team best by duced a golden glow of lights deliberately incurring disqualifi-from houses and apartment cation.

What with one thing and another, this is turning out to be a bizarre occasion that is testing the sanity of all those closely involved. On Sunday, John McEnroe and Connors, who had been seeded to contest the final of the Masters tournament in New York next month, were both beaten in straight sets by 20-year-old opponents, Henrik Sundstrom and Wilander.

In an effort to regain a sense

of proportion, your correspon

two enchanted hours in a wildlife park set among a wintry wonderland of wooded slopes and frozen lakes. When con-fused, it is useful to talk to the

ducks and goats and listen to the seals coughing. But it did no good. Back at the termis, a six-

piece traditional jazz band (complete with the obligatory red waistcoats and straw hats

and a megaphone for vocals) invaded the press working area. It has to be said that, in the

hours set aside for rest and recreation, there is nothing to

recreanon, there is nothing to be wildlife parks and tra-ditional jazz. But when im-prisoned with a typewriter, the former is impossible and the

latter distracting. Hang on moment. This is a hell of

Nor must one forget that the

umpires here, both British, are a Lieutenant-Colonel and a Wins

Commander. The implication

that Connors and McEnroe justify an invasion by the British armed services has not

been lost on the press corps, with the Connors match in mind, one French journalist could not resist a barbed suggestion that Wimbledon officials are tougher overseas than they are at Wimbledon.

Swedish tie

New York (AP) - Two members of the Swedish Davis Cup team. Hearix Sundstrom and Anders Jarryd, will meet in the opening round of the Volvo Masters, which

rums from January 8 to 13 at Madison Square Garden, New

John McEnroe, beaten by Sund-

from on Sunday in the David cap final; is No I seed in the 12-man field, while Jimmy Connors, McEnroe's Davis Cap colleague, is No 2, Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendi No 3 and Sweden's Mats Wilander

No 4. The seedings are determined by the grand prix points standings. The four seeded players receive first

trombone solo. . .

Sweden therefore Jed 2-0. In the history of this world team champlonship there has only been one precedent in 1939, when Australia bounced back against the US. – for a team turning 0-2 into 3-2, which was the task confronting the US after Sunday's singles. Those results, mind you, satisfied all non-Americans, It was heartening to see two well-mannered and well-monered wormstere. and well-prepared youngsters crush two arrogant, surly celebrities who were neither

Sunday, nevertheless, was surprising. In addition there was the Connors nonsense and the looming if false threat of disqualification and a one-day



Connors: contemplating

BASKETBALL Kingston protest over

The English Basketball Association may have to change one of the officials sominated to take charge of next month's Ellogg's Cup final, following an objection from Kingcraft Kingston, one of the finalists.

Kingston, one of the finalists.

Kingston have lodged a complant against Trevor Pountain, who refereed their first division game on Saturday with FSO Cars Warrington and Liverpool Vikings, the team they meet agam in the final at the Albert Hall on January 6.

Vikings, who lost the game 96-94, will not be asking for Pountain to be removed from the final although they had probably more cause to be aggreed, having two technical fouls awarded against them by Pountain and the other official. Rob liffle, besides receiving the majority The English Baskerball Associ-

lliffe, besides receiving the majority of the controversial decisions in an

unudy game.
Malcolm Chamberlain, Kingston's bench coach, is nevertheless adament that his club will protest: He said: "The club are officially writing to the EBBA and objecting to Trevor Pountain because they the game that he referees because he

Pountain, who refereed last year's final, is to referee Vikings again on

cup final referee By Nicholas Harling

The main furore on Saturday came just before the interval, with Vikings leading 39-32. Kevin Penny bad already incurred a technical four dissent when Joe Whelton, the Vikings coach, was also punished for the same reason. With the help of the two free throws and extra shots for various other offences. Kingston made up the leeway from the free-throw line to go in level 39-

ine free-throw line to go in level 3939 at the interval.

Sperrings Solent Stars, the league leaders, who are in danger of folding, emphatically beat John Carr Doneaster 113-89 in a game that was promoted by their supporters club. The Solent players met the Receiver yesterday and he will make an announcement opportune the club's future today. concerning the club's future today.

At Davesports Birmingham, Bracknell Pirates had Payton, the American centre, disqualified for throwing a punch at Dixon. Bracknell were leading 79-76 when Lawrence, their other. American, was fouled out, after which they slumped. Birmingham scoring 23 of the next 28 points to win 99-84.



Flying high; Veronique Whitaker coaxes Jingo over at Olympia (Photograph; Chris Cole)

Convincing win for Mac

By Jenny MacArthur

Michael Mac, the former junior European champion, who has been on top form throughout the Olympia show jumping championships, had a convincing win on Fetion International's Packers Hill, the horse on which he helped win the Nations Cup event at Lisburn in September, in yesterday's Modern Alarus Christmas Cake Stakes. The commettion was a "Take Your Own off the time of the Olympic silver medal. Tim Grubb on Arabeske.

only be jumped once but in the order chosen by the competitor.

Mac, aged 22, who comes from Coventry, is a former top jumor but this week he has jumped with an authority and skill which have shown him more than equal to taking on the top interpretation. taking on the top international riders. Although yesterday was his first win at the show he has had two seconds, a third, and was sixth in the World Cup qualifier. All three of

his horses - Each Way Forecast and Snow King make up the trio - have gone well for him. In yesterday's competition Mac showed a fine sense of judgment when clipping a quarter of a second

ATHLETICS

Four additions

to British

team for Paris

Diana Davies (Leicester Corita-nian) and Judy Simpson (Birchfield) are among four athletes added to the British team to compete in the first

world indoor games, in Paris, January 18-19. Simpson, the UK and Commonwealth heptathlon record holder, will compete in the

60 metres hurdles, and Davies in the high jump, the event for which she is national and UK champion.

The other additions are Keith Stock (Haringey) in the pole vault and David Lewis (Rossendale) in the 3.000 metres. The high jumper, Susan Telfer (Hull) and Bev Kinch, the sprinter, have both withdrawn without giving any present

Gillian Burley (London Olym-piades) will take the place of Lyn Irving (Border), in the World Cup

marathon in Hiroshima on April 13. Irving has decided that she cannot fit in the race.

without giving any reason.

New Year.

The borses belonging to 11 of the foreign showjampers competing at Olympia may be held in Britain after the show because of an as yet andiagnosed infection in the nine year-old bay golding Lucky, belonging to Peter Luther, the German Olympic rider, Jemsy MacArthur writer.

They will only be released if permission from the Ministry of Agriculture in the appropriate country is given. France has already Lucky had a temperature and was unwell when it strived after a had crossing and long journey.

specially for this show, for which he has been lent horses from the Everest stud. Arabeske, a German-bred mare is the horse on which

Prix last year, Michael Whitaker, who is having a deservedly successful show took third place on olourway. Later in the afternoon Grubb

underlined the strength of his new, if transitory, partnership with Arabeske when he won the Radio Rental Power & Speed class,

Part of Michael Whitaker's winnings came from his third place in Sunday night's Modern Alarms Holly Stakes, in which he rode his round States, in which he focus his puissance winner, the Belgian-bred Tamara. The class was won by Belgium's Ferdi Tyteca on 'T Soulaiky. Their daring performance in the 11-horse jump-off had the

THE MODERN ALARIAS CHRISTMAS CAKE STAKES: 1, Packers Hill M Macj 0 in \$3.68:2, Arabasis IT Granton Hill M Macj 0 in \$3.68:2, Arabasis IT Granton J M Macj 0 in \$4.05:3, Caleumy (M Whitaker) 0 in \$4.75. Minice Pie POWER AND SPEED: 1, Arabasis IT Grabb) 0 in 26.32; 2, Moet and Chandon Astern (N Pessoa, Brazil), 0 in 27.85; 3, Landgradin (H Simon, Austria) 0 in 27.85; 3, Landgradin (H Simon, Austria) 0 in 27.85; 3, Tamara (M Whitaker) 0 in 31.45; 3, Tamara (M Whitaker) 0 in 31.45; 3, Tamara (M Whitaker) 0 in 31.45.

Dream comes true for the Tuckers

Michael Tucker, the International three-day event rider, who was robbed of a chance to represent Britain in the 1983 European championship when his home-bred house General Bugle, the Badminton runner-up that year, went lune, has signed a £13,000 spousorship contract with Subara, initially to last two years (Jenny MacArthur writes).

Tucker and his wife, Angela, herself a regular member of the British team, makes up the Team Suhara. Speaking after the aunouncement at Olympia yesterday Tucker, who farms in Gloncestershire, said: "This is a dream come expected to be back in competition in the autumn and Charlston, the novice four-year-old. The spousorship has also enabled Tucker to buy Good Value, a nine-year-old intermediate eventer whom Robert Lumieux, the Olympic

ICE HOCKEY

Fife Flyers are feeling under the weather

By Kobert Pryce

Fife Flyers do not take to the south in winter. They ran into snow on the ice at Oxford, where the icemaking machine broke down, and a blizzard of penalties at Streatham.

blizzard of penalties at Streatham. The climate is kinder at their own rink in Kirkcaldy where thay have not dropped a point this season. It has something to do with Kirkcaldy's large ice surface, as Dave Stoyanovich, the Flyers' left wing, explained. "We're not used to playing on these small surfaces yet", he said. "But in our rink we kill all these teams, we demolish them, because they haven't got defencemen who can skate with us".

At Streatham, Fife were demolished by Brine's excellent net-mind-ing and 13 minor penalties, which meant they were understrength for more than a third of the game. At the end, Fife refused to sign the

After Brown's third goal brought The newcomers bring the strength of the British squad to 11 and it could be increased further in the TIBERIAS, Israet Sen of GaBles International marather: 1. L. Robertson (Scot) 2hr 16min 28sec; 2. S. Sabag (Israel) 2-22-17; 3. C. Feridaam (Eng) 2-22-25; 4, D. Robson (Eng) 2-23-25.

them level at 6-6. Fife were briefly reduced to four men as Abel and Plumb were banished to the penalty box. Abel's penalty had just expired when Melancon, who had already wove his way over the blue line and let fly from 40 feet to score what proved to be the winning goal.

Tom Imrie, recently restored as Streatham's coach for home games only, has shuffled the lines, changed the power play and reintroduced his own brand of zonal defence. His most telling contribution, however, may have been in insisting on better

reserve rider, reluctantly had to sell after the sudden ending of his sponsorship this autumn.

Nottingham Panthers are also Nottingham Panthers are also looking more impressive, winning both of their games over the weekend. Gary Keward, their manager, is not yet happy with the number of goals they are scoring, but they managed five in the space of seven minutes of the first period at Whitley Bay.

Dundee revived impressively at Murrayfield, where they beat the British League leaders 6-5. Lafferty, promoted in the absence of Halpin, responded with two goals, includi

Inc decider.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Cereland Bombers 13, Whitey Warriors 13 Nottingham Parithers 5, Ayr Bruins 3 Southerpton Vikings 4, File Flyers 12, Durham Wasss 13, Ayr Bruins 5; Murrayfield Racers 5 Durnden Boxiets 6; Streetham Redekins 7, File Flyers 6; Whitely Warriors 3, Nottingham Parithers 6, Division court Blackpool Seeguis 6, Polerborough Piretee 12; Bournemouth Stags 13, Gmissby Buffalces 5; Cliesgow Dynambes 24, Desside Drepons 2 Lee Valley Lors 2, Gl Soffwill Barcons 17.

WOSCOW: Investion Tournament: USSR 6, West Germany 0; Sweden 2, Germany 1.

with Valcareggi, who said he didn't blame him. Inany case, Fiorentina have long sinse signed a contract with Cesar Menotti, Argentina's former World Cup manager, for

He refused to work in t

Though Mark Hateley made an astonishingly swift and successful return from his cartilage operation, setting up both Milan goals, Milan faded, losing their 2-0 lead, to the newly promoted Atalanta, Glenn Stromberg, the Swedish inter-national inside-forward bought from Benfica, got one goal, Gentile

the other.

A massed defence gave Sampdorial difficulty against Avellino, but a quarter of an hour from time, Vialli brought them victory and kept them

brought them victory and kept them in the race.

Barcelona's game in Bilbao was delayed for 10 minutes when striking shipyard workers invaded the pitch. The only goal was scored on the break by Salinas, the Bilbao left winger, after 71 minutes.

Real Madrid, following their remarkable six soals in midweek

remarkable six goals in midweek against Anderlecht, scored only one in the Bernabeu Stadium against Valencia, but it wasenough to give them victory and close the gap with Barcelona to three points. After a barceona to three points. After a dazzling start, and a goal beautifully prepared by young Butragueno via Sautillana for Valdano, the Argentinians, Real ran out of steam, They were a little lucky to hang on in the Brian Glanville is football correspon-dent of The Sunday Times

Celtic inquiry date

Berne, (Reuter) - The European football governing body (UEFA) will meet on January 17 to discuss the disturbances during last week's replayed Cup Winners' Cup match between Celtic and Rapid Vienna, a

Results from foreign leagues

Independence D: Bocs Juniors 2, Rosenio Central D: Plantense 1, Instanto (Cordoba) D: San Loranzo 1, Huracan 1: Tallense (Cordoba) D: San Loranzo 1, Huracan 1: Tallense (Cordoba) 3, Astanta 1; Racing (Cordoba) 2, Vetez Sarafiald 2, Newedi's Old Boys 3, Riser Plate 1; Union 2, Argantinos Juniors 2; Tempertoy 1, Cheacritis, Juniors 8, Landing, positionse 9; Lorion 2, Argantinos Juniors, 45; Januarionse 3, Landinos positionse 1, Ferro Carri Desta, Aspats 2, Sparak Varna 0; Chemo More 2, Eur 0; Berna 3, Loicomotiv Softs 0; Minior 3, Trakia 2; Sparak Pleven 1, Dourse 1; Pirin 1, Chemonoreth 1; Silvan 1, Levsid Sparak 0; CSIA Softs 6, Botev 0, Lending positionse 1, Levsid Sparak, 20 pts; 2, Lokomotiv Softs, 15pts; 3, Slavia Softs, 16bts.

Di Gennaro is a Florentine given only five League games by Florentina before spending a season with Perugia. Then he helped

famengo. A crowd of 153,522, urned out in the rain at Maracana, tadium for the match, decided by a scader from Assis, a midfield

verona to promotion from Serie B. verona to promotion from Serie B, the second division, and has been maturing as a midfielder ever since. Now 26, he showed increased confidence in his second inter-

ational appearance.
As for Tricella, he comes from

the Milanese dormitory town of Cernusco sul Naviglio, which seems almost a factory for producing sweepers. Scirca, the Italian first choice there, is one; Galbiati of

Torino another,
Fiorentina held Juventus 0-0 in
Florence, their first match under
Ferruccio Valcareggi, the veleran

manager and manager of the inter-national team in two World Cups. Valcareggi, who lives nearby on the

Tuscan riviera, was brought back to a club he managed long ago only

Rio de Jameiro (AP) - Flum won their second successive Rio de Janeiro state football championship on Sunday with an emotional 1-0 victory over their traditional rival.

I, Feyencord, 22, T GERBANE Motor Suhi 0, Hansa Rostock orwans Franklari 3, Dynama Berlin 0; Carl a Jena 4, Dynamo Dreeden 0; Chemie olg 2, Kurl-Marte-Stad 2; Wismod Ave 2 omotiv Leipzig 1; Stahi Plassa 8, Bishi Idenburg 2; Magdaburg 2, Ros-Weles 12, Lesding postificars 1, Dynamo Berlin, us 2, Dynamo Dresden, 20; 3, Lokomotiv

Hoddle likely to miss Norwich game

Tottenham look certain to be without Glenn Hoddle at Norwich on Saturday. The head injury he received in Prague in midweek is causing concern because of lingering swelling and yesterday the England midfield player saw a specialist. He is also under treatment for a complete state of the same product of the

FIXTURES AND FORECASTS

Williams leaves Maidstone for S Africa Bill Williams, the manager who

took Maidstone United to the Alliance Premier League (now the Gola League) championship last season, has resigned. Williams, who had been with the club for three causing concern because of lingering swelling and yesterday the England midfield player saw a specialist. He is also under treatment for a groin injury.

Two other casualties, Ardilles and Hazard play in a rearranged reserve game against Portsmouth at White Hart Lane tonight.

Gary Mills, the Nottingham Forest midfield player, who was carried off on Saturday at Everton, has a broken left leg, and goes into hospital today for an operation. He has been playing with a steel pin in his right leg since breaking it while playing for Seattle Sounders in North American two years ago.

Luton's former England midfield player, Ricky Hill, injured a knee in training yesterday

Carlshalon Vallams, who does not have been with the club for three will be leaving football altogther and returning to South Africa, FA TROPHY DRAW: First cound Duchey v A Barnov, King's Lawrington; Weronabou v Konteshed v Mathor, Barnow, Kentering: Boston United v Bight Spertrans Gretna v Network v Dathort, Gremman v Runcom; Northwith v Telford; Stafford v North Sheids: Statybridge Cetter, Findley v Berrow, King's Lyon v Matroe, Burnon v Kentering: Boston United v Bight Spertrans & Runcom; Northwith v Telford; Stafford v Northwith v Stafford; Stafford v Northwith v Telford; Stafford v Northwith v Stafford; Stafford v Northwith v Telford; Stafford v Northwith v Stafford; Stafford v Northwith v Telford; Stafford v Northwith v Stafford; Stafford v Northwith v Telford; Stafford v Northwith v Stafford; Stafford v Northwith v Telford; Stafford v Northwith v Stafford; Stafford v Northwith v Telford; Stafford v Northwith v Stafford; Stafford v Northwith v Telford; Stafford v Northwith v Stafford; Stafford

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SOUTHERN PREMIER

SCOTTISH PREMIER

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SCOTTISH SECOND
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Cusen's Pk v Berwick
Rath v Cowdenboath
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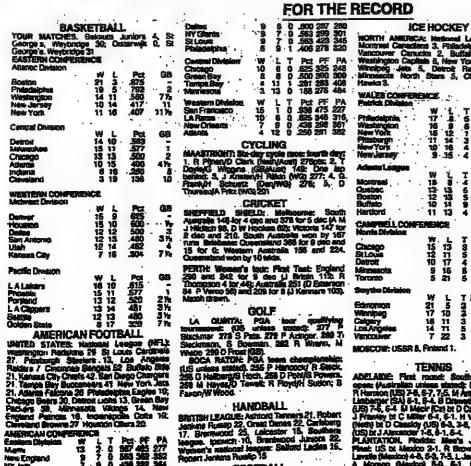
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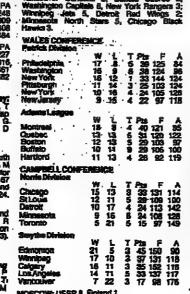
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Crims 0 Third-place play-off: Kuwah 1, Iran Kuwah 400 5-3 cm paradise).
XASPALA: East and Central Africa Senior Challenge Cut: Fineh Zaroba (O. Malbun II) and, Zaroba (Von S-0 cm paradise).
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Gruntby v Laborator paradise).

YACHTING Transadactic recer sixteenth day: 1. Charento Marques (R):350 miles from Santo DomingO; 2. Paury Michon (R):350: 3. Apyele (R):250: 4. Formula: Tag (Carl) \$81: 5. Roger et Gallet (R) 1,081; 2. Brigan Always (GB) 1,853.



TENNIS

ADELAIDE: First manuf: South Australian open: (Australian unions stated; P Doctors by R Harmon (US) 7-6, 6-7, 7-5, M Author (US) 1-6, 6-7, 7-5, M Author (US) 1-6, 5-4, B Dresent by J Marine (US) 7-6, 5-4 W Medic (Ca) by D Cabolin 7-5, 7-5, J Fransky by C Cabolin 7-6, 7-1, D Cabolin (US) 6-3, 3-6, 3-3, D Section (North) by D Cabolin (US) 6-3, 3-6, 3-3, D Section (US) by J Austrander 7-5, 6-1, 5-4. PLANTATION, Florido: Mercia Junior cup: PlantaTON, Florido: Mercia Junior cup: PlantaTON, Florido: Mercia (US) by R Lavelle (Mexico) 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, L. Janten (US) by A Moreco (Mexico) 6-6, 6-1, Lavelle and Moreco (Mexico) 6-6, 6-1, Lavelle and Moreco to Berown and Jeanes (US) 7-6, 6-4. Morent bt Brown and Jénsen (US) 7-6, 6-4.

MARIE BEACH, Figride: Junior championelège: Lope (ander-16 fires-enemé. G.P. Robons
(Arg) bt G. Schaller (Anstrie) 6-2, 6-3. H. Skopf
(Austrie) bt F. Travieus (Prori 6-0, 6-1, 8. Tueso
(Graces) bt Gausler (Pri 6-4, 6-3, 7 Folay (US) bt
R. Camergo (Bra) 7-5, 6-2. T. Finnegae (US) bt J.
Ravetomir (Fri 6-2, 6-1. E. Colline (Re) bt J.
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Aschwarz (US) bt F. Genner (Ven) 6-1, 6-1, 5.
Nico-Challesu (Fri bt T. Sauren (Tral) 6-0, 6-1.
S. Stom (US) bt A. Schael (Ven) 6-0, 6-1.
S. Stom (US) bt A. Schael (Ven) 6-0, 6-1.
S. Stom (Fri) bt S. Shet (Portugal) 6-3, 6-2. G.
Miro (Bra) bt G. Gibson (US) 6-4, 6-0, T. Catin
(SB) bt H. Genner (Ven) 6-1, 6-3.

REAL TENNIS OXFORD: Masters open singles, over-40: quarter-finals: F Willis (Manchester) to G W T Alkins 6-1: J D Ward bt P L Davies (Seacourt) 6-5: D C Cull (Lord's) bt C J Swallow 6-5: N Darby bt Hon-L D Verney 6-4. Sami-finals: Willis bt Cull 8-2, 6-0.

ROAD RUNNING
HOGSBACIC Guilford, 11 ys miles: 1, B Ford
(Aldesthof) - Stain - Street - 2. K. Panny.
(Cambridge H) 5348; 3, P Rowlends (Horstam)
53:52. Wicesel 7, S Rowell (Dartford) 60:04
(course record). VOLLEYBALL

SKI JUMPING

LAKE PLACED: 70m: 1, A Felder (Austria),
226.9 pts.2, J Pulifornen (Frit), 223.2: 3, P
Bengerad (Not), 220.8: 4, E Ventori (Austria),
219.2: 5, M Nytaenen (Frit), 217.9: 8, P Pioc (Co), 218.6: 7, J Parms (Co), 214.3: 8, R
Zuelthie (US), 215.7: 9, H Bulan (Can), 204.8:
10, W Stalen (WG), 189.7: 11, M Halland (US),
198.3: 12, P Rohweln (WG), 198.4: 13, F
Neutanizarer (Austria), 197.5: 14, M Akincto
(Japan), 197.2: 15, D McGrans (US), 195.3,
Overall standinger (Fushia), 197.5: 4, Mytaenen, 44;
5, Parms, 43; 5, Kotkoren (Frit), 39; 7, Proc (Co), 38; 8, Bergerud, 28; 8, H Persson (Nor),
18:10, P Usaga (rug), 15.

LACROSSE SKI JUMPING

LACROSSE RUGBY LEAGUE: Mark Broad-hurst, the New Zealand inter-

national prop, is to leave Hull Kingston Rovers, at the end of the season. Broadhurst, voted the crop of the season by the supporters when the Rovers won the supporters when the Rovers won the Scottish first division Scottish first division of the season but the supporters when the season by the supporters when the season by the season but t championship last year, is to return to Christchurch and the club where to Christchurch and the club where he began his career 13 years ago.

OLYMPIC GAMES: There is no question of changing the venue of the 1938 Olympics from the South Korean capital of Seoal, Monique Berlioux. International Olympic Committee (IOC) director, said yesterday. She was responding to questions after reports that North Korea had unrently requested the Berlioux. International Olympic Committee (IOC) director. said yesterday. She was responding to questions after reports that North Korea had urgently requested the IOC to cancel the choice of Seoul because it said South Korea was a unstable area under constant threat of war because of the presence of armed forces and 40,000 United States troops.

Battle for Boycott

power at the annual meeting of the county cricket club in Leeds on March 2. Yorkshire Cricket Lovers, busi-

rousing Cricket Lovers, bist-nessmen associated with the resigned cricket chairman and former captain, Brian Close, have submitted three resolutions which, if earried would remove Boycott and his men, calling for a vote of no confidence in the committee, and seeking to prevent a committee man from playing for the club - aimed directly at Boycott's dual role. ATHLETICS: Uwe Hohn, the javelin world record holder, has been voted East German sportsman

of the year, RACING: Sean Doyle, one of the

important figures in the Irish bloodstock industry, has died in Dublin from head injuries after a riding fall on Sunday. Simon Loughlin writes. Doyle bought

7.30 unless stated

First division

Scounsti first division
Meadowbank Thistle v Falkirk
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry v
Liverpool (7.0); Eventon v Huddersfield (7.0).
Manchester (United v Sheffield Wednesday;
Notis Co. v Blackburn (7.0); Second division:
Leeds v Blackpool (7.0); Maddestrough v
Bursley (7.0); Oldhem v Wigan (7.0); Part Vala v
Wolverberopton (7.0); Rotherhem v Scuntborpe
(7.0).

Baroda Stud in County Kildare five years ago and quickly built it up into one of the top studs in Ireland. MOTOR RALLYING: Billy Coleman, the Republic of Ireland driver, who won the British championship 10 years ago, continues his comeback with the Rothmans rally team for 1985. Accompanied by Ronan Morgan, his co-driver, Coleman will drive a Porsche 911SC

Coleman will drive a Porsche 911SC RS in six senior events.
RACKETS: Alastair Robinson (Marlborough) won the Under-15 Jim Dear Cup at Queen's Club, London, yesterday, beating Joseph Warburton (Rugby) 15-12, 15-8 (William Stephens writes). Robinson played shots of quality notably a backhand kill to reach match point, but Warburton, 12-6 down in the first game, fought bravely to lead first game, fought bravely to lead assured player: SEM-FMMLS: A Robinson (Manborough bt R Montgomerie (Rugbly) 15-11, 15-8, J D Warburton (Rugbly) bt T J H West (Redley) 18-15, 15-8, FMAL: Robinson bt Warburton 15-12, 15-6.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

BBC-WEEK LEAGUE: Brentford v Southend.
NOTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Chorley v
Hyda. Cape First round, second leg: Manne v
Witton. President's Cupe First rotend, second
leg: South Liverpool v Burton.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Michand divisions
Northyr Tydfil v Reddisch.
FA TROPHY: Third Qualifying round: Billericay
v Bischop's Stortford; Folksstone v Curshallon.
Replays: Hälingdon v Welling: Stourbridge v
Bromley; Sutton United v Hayes; Wolding v
Aveloy. Luton Town v West Bromwich (7.45) Avelog.

ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Second round:

SOUTHER XI V Besidon.

ESSEX SENIOR TROPHY: Third Round:

Layton-Wingste v Greys; Woodford v Stansted.

Layton-Wingste v Greys; Woodford v Stansted.

Egytens v Molesey. Replay: Dorking v Farteigh.

> CLUB MATCHES: Gismorgen Wenders v Pontypridd (7.15): Neath v Llanell (7.0): Nottingham v RAF (7.0). Normgeam v RAF (7-D).
> OTHER SPORT
> SQUASH RACKETS: Pressler league: Cannone
> v Radwood Lodge; Edgbaston v Notingham;
> Manchester v Pyrale.
> RACKETS: Public Schools Singles (at Casen's

RUGBY UNION

Saturday December 22
unless stated
PIRST DIVISION

1 Arsenal v Watford

2 Aston Ville v Newcastle

1 Everton v Creissa

1 Manchester U v Ipswich

X Norwich v Totternhem

1 Shaffield W v Stoke

X West Ham v Sthempton

Not on couponst scaster v

Coventry (Sunday); Gueen's

Park Rangers v Liverpool

(Friday); Sundertand v Nortingham Forces Sunday).

SECOND DIVISION

1 Cardiff v Shaffield U

X Fulham v Manchester C

1 Huddersteld v Brighton

Notes Co v Crarthom

2 Wolves v Leeds

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Reading v Bristol C
Rothernam v Wigan FOURTH DIVIS Hartispool v Chester Mansheld v Northam Port Vale v Scumhor Swindon v Halifax Sewidon v Haštax x Torqua v Haštax x Torqua v Southerd
 Whadham v Blackpool let on coopenscToree v Colchester (Friday); Hereford Ablershot (Sunday); Rochdale v Cheetarfield (Friday); Sockpon v Darington (Friday); Transmer v Eriser **GOLA LEAGUE** THIRD DIVISION

Boton v Cembridge U

Bristol R v Swansea TREBLE CHANCE (home bases): Norwich, West Ham, Fulham, Burnley, Doncaster, Marsheld, Tonuev, Scarborough, Weakfatone, East File, Mesdowberk, Partick, BEST DRAWS: Norwich, West Ham, Fulham,

THIRD DIVISION FREST DIVISION
Chelses v Man Linted
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Ipswich v Everton
Liverpool v Luton
Newceste v Arsenel Notin F v Aston Villa Strempton v Sheffield W Stoke v CPR Tottenhent v Sunderland Wattord v Lecaster WBA v Norwich FOURTH DIVISION

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Addershot v Wroothers

Blackpool v Hardlepool

Hardlepool

Chester v Swindon

Larington v Crewe

Exster v Hereford

Haffax v Stockport

Northempton v Torquey

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Southend v Mansfield

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Bernsley v Notts Co

Birmingham v Fulham

Beschum v Huddersild

Beighton v Wimbledon

Charlton v Garmely

Leada v Cerdiff

Mancester C v Wolves

Middlester v Oldnam

Charlon v Galace

Shemeld U v Perstant

X Shravebury v Carlisle SECOND DIVISION SCOTTISH SECOND Not on componerAlbion v Queen's Park, Alloa v East Stirling: Arbroath v Raith; Berwick v Straman; Cowden-

TREBLE CHANCE (nome tearns): Chelses, Newcastle, Stote, Birrolingham, Charlton, Strewsbury, Gillingham, York, Brechin, Felderk, Kilmarmok, Brimingham, York, Brachin, Felderk, Kilmarmok, Birmingham, York, Fellerk, Almares, Rotherham, Doncaster, Derby, Hersford, Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Doncaster, Derby, Braws: Brimingham, Shrawsbury, York. FDCED GDDS: Homes: Leeds, Braction: City, Milwali, Cresterfield, Abdrie, Aways: Rotherham, Doncaster, Derby, Deaws: Britangham, Shrawgbury, York.

Stearn and Others v Twitchell-

(Judgment delivered December 7)

Mr Andrew Bateson, QC and Mc

D. A. McConville for the vendors: Miss Sally Finn for the purchaser.

MR JUSTICE WARNER said

that he had heard the appeal in chambers but was delivering

the case gave rise to a question of interpretation of section 46 of the Law of Property Act 1923 on which there was no existing judicial

The vendors had entered into a

written contract for the sale of part

of their estate to the purchaser for £125,000 on December 22, 1982. On the same day they granted an option to the purchaser for him to buy the rest of the estate for £115,000 (the

option document, handwritten on a sheet of writing paper headed with the address and telephone number

That document gave the pur

in the late afternoon of the same day the purchaser's solicitor informed

Letters were then written by both

endors solicitor must have disparched his letter before hearing

from the purchaser's solicitor that the purchaser had decided to

to enclosing a copy of the purchaser's letter of January 14; and

conversations and confirmed the

egreement as evidenced by the option document; the purchaser's letter of January 14 and both solicitors letters dated January 17.

The order was made on June 20

and it directed, inter alia, an inquiry as to what rate of interest (if any)

beyond 5 per cent a year should be allowed for on the sum of £115,000

from March 31, 1983 when the

purchase ought to have been completed according to the agree-

The purchaser contended that the

agreement was a contract by correspondence within the meaning of those words in section 46 of the

1925 Act so that the statutory form of conditions of sale prescribed by

exercise of the option.

of the estate and signed by them.

Before Mr Justice Warner

Correspondence means

RACING: INJURED DE HAAN MISSES MRS PITMAN'S LEICESTER TREBLE Timurs Double to maintain

Forster's form

useful novice. Play The Knave, over three miles, a trip over in the. Vintage Port Handicap which he has never won. Chase and Timurs Double is napped to complete a double for last season when he met some the Letcombe Bassett trainer in outstanding young chasers in the Rum Punch Novices'

Timurs Double was a fair with Fulke Johmson Houghton. winning at Haydock Park in May and running well in good company on a number of other occasions. He was sufficiently well thought of by connections Ascol, but made no show in that competitive affair.

On his hurdling debut at Newbury last month, Timurs Double made significant late headway to finish third to Against The Grain and Russborough, both of whom had had the benefit of two previous runs over hurdles. That form has worked out well since with Russborough winning casily at Plumpton and Against The Grain chasing home Wing And A Prayer, the Triumph Hurdle favourite, at Cheltenham, Tinkersfield, who finished

seventh at Newbury, more than at Windsor six weeks ago. lengths behind Timurs Double, has also advertised the form by winning at Taunton, but his 7lb penalty for that success gives him little prospect reversing the Newbury placings with my selection this

Tim Forster, in marvellous skilfully placed by Peter Bailey form at Towcester on Saturday to win three of his four novice with a 136-1 treble, again looks chases this term but faces a the trainer to follow at Ludlow much stiffer task this afternoon. this aftermoon. Co Member is Not only does he take on expected to make his stamina experienced handicappers for and experience tell against that the first time, but he has to race

Co Member was highly tried Lettoch, Lean Ar Aghaidh, Gambir and Mossy Moore, He won twice, including a threeperformer on the Flat when mile chase at Newbury, and shaped well on the latest of his three runs this season when chasing home Glenfox at the Berkshire course last month.

David Gandolfo can round oil a good day for Wantage to take his place in the stables by winning the second Britannia Handicap at Royal division of the Burgundy division of the Burgundy Novices' Chase with Deep Moppet while Grim, who had a winning debut over fences in the tirst division. Deep Moppet runs at Ludiow

in preference to the Aldington ovices' Chase at Folkestone, and that looks a wise move with Some Shot and the Foodbroker both declared at the Kent course. Some Shot was a clear winner from Mount Harvard. Roman Son and Pebble Island at Warwick and should have a litness edge over The Foodbroker, who has not run since again over the Christmas period, chasing home Bright Morning Two miles is his maximum trip and I chasing home Bright Morning

Bob Champion sets a poser by saddling Eggnog and Three Chances in the Heathfield Handican Chase but preference is for the latter, who ran well until falling at Wolverhampton last month and then beat Veleso afternoon. in a slightly better race than Play the Knave has been today's at Nottingham

remains Chepstow possible

Phil Tuck became the first professional jockes to team up with Farls Brig at Kelso yesterday and, for the first time in three outiggs, the nine-year-old managed to complete

could finish only second to Unscrupulous Judge, beaten two lengths, in the Launder Handicap Chase. His owner-trainer. William Hamilton, will decide today whether Earls Brig goes for the Welsh National at Chepstow on Saturday. "He ran a great race considering all the weight he was giving away." Hamilton vaid.

Earls Brig, who was always tracking Unscrupulous Judge on the final circuit, was conceding 38lb to the winner. He made two mistakes, however, at the lifth and two out. A flood of office money reduced Earls Brig's price from 6-4 on to 9-4 on.

without a success.

sicwards.

dismal effort at Nottingham two

Miss Herbert's explanation that

had much preferred yesterday's softer ground, were accepted by the

the spiky punk haircut was left to enjoy the rest of the afternoon

cocking a snook at her unchivalrous

helping of salt into male wounds.

Man (Harry Holmes Chase) and Grundy Glow (Ivy Handicap Hurdle) maintained Mrs Pitman's

dominance of the jumping scene. Not to be outdone, Mrs Dickinson

produced a young chaser in Midsummer Special, who could well

reach the heights of previous Harewood stars.

Gold Hunter, on the same

Unscrupulous Judge initiated a double for Arthur Stephenson, who later saddled Durham Edition to win the Gattonside Novices' Chase by five lengths from Barrister Boy.

Gareth Charles-Jones made it two wins from the ridge at the course wins from two rides at the course when Holly Buoy snatched a short head victory over Tot in the Earlston Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle. Charless-lones, who rides for Stan Mellor, had previously partnered Malistrano to win at the

urse in October. Holly Buny, who must be held up until the last minute, came with a well-timed run over the last to cut down Tot on the line. "Gateth phoned me up for the ride. It is the first time he has ridden for me." Mary Reveley, the winning trainer,

"I expect to bring Holly Buoy out

am really pleased with the way Gareth rode him."

14olly Buoy is home bred by Stewart Wood, who runs the Rose and Crown public house at Newton. Excavator Lady started 9-4 favourite but trailed in nearly 40 lengths back in last place.

Righthand Man is 5-1 favourite from 6-1 with Meeca for Saturday's Welsh National.

Earls Brig Male pride takes another pounding

By John Karter

Mrs Pilman's joy was tempered It was ladies first, the other lot a however, not just by the fact that her son. Mark, is still suffering from poor second at wet and windy Leicester yesterday. And even screre concussion after his car crash and will not ride until the New before Jenny Priman and Monica Drekinson, those leading ladies of National Hunt racing, had once again swept aside the male challenge. Georgina Herbert, a 17-Year, but also by the injury sustained by Ben De Haan in his fall from I'm A Dealer in the Malden Timber Novices' Hurdle.

De Haan, who has a suspected year-old girl apprentice, had grasped

her chance to put one over on the eracked left arm, missed all three winning rides and, while Mrs It was only a humble conditional tockeys' selling race that Miss Herbert won on the 33-1 outsider. Pitman was taking nothing away from Mark Perrett and Richard Rowe, who deputized so ably, she was at pains to point out how unfair Rodooso, but the victors - her first from only six rides - clearly meant the accident was on De Haan, who as much to her in its way as Mrs Pitman's spectacular treble. is responsible for so much of her It also meant a great deal to the horse's trainer. Frank Coton, a Nottinghamshire permit holder, because before Rodooso's win he

schooling.
Of the Pitman trio, special mention must be made of Duesenhere, a former eventer, who jumped like a buck in his first race over ne three and a half years fences. The son of Rugged Man made the favourte. Emperor Charles, look leaden-footed as he The cuphoria was swiftly dispelled, however, as the pair were gained a length in the air at several

whisked away to the stewards' room to explain Rodooso's running as compared with her apparently An exciting future seems assured for Duesenberg, a remark that also applies to Mrs Dickinson's sta-tear-old. Midsummer Special, who was not even thought fit enough to win. weeks previously. There, the four-year-old filly had finished a street behind yesterday's runner-up, the Runne Beggan brought Midsum-nier Special from an apparently impossible position at halfway to

challenge Bucks Green at the last fence. Although he almost uprooted that obstacle, Midsummer Special Rodooso had been interfered with when in the lead at Nottingham and Coton's statement that the horse hardly lost any impetus and sconling clear on the run-in, he left the indelible impression that we will be hearing a lot more of him during the coming months. So, while our young heroine with

Course specialists FOLKESTONE

rivals ("They always swear and shout at me during a race just because I'm a girl"). Mrs Pinman, anded and abetted by Mrs Dickinson, proceeded to rub a liberal TRAINERS: P Macriell 5 winners from 26 runners, 19.2°s. D Gendolfo 4 from 21, 19.0°s. JOCKEYS: R Rowe 8 winners from 51 ndes 15.7°s. A Webber 4 from 35; 11.1°s. R Goldsten 6 from 55, 19.9°s. Victories by Duesenberg (Christ-may Tree Novices' Chase) Smith's

LUDLOW TRAINERS: A Aylest 6 vanners from 12 runners, 58.0°a; J Edwards 18 from 73, 24 7°a, Mrs M Rimed 9 from 51 17 6°a JOCKEYS: \$ Morshead 14 winners from 77 rdes, 18.2%; P Scudamore 20 from 118 16.9%, P.Warner 7 from 46, 15.2%

Folkestone inspection Today's meeting at Folkstone hinges on an 8am inspection.

pioneer of Turf's new era By Michael Seely Vincent O'Brien's Great Horses by Ivor Herbert and Jacqueline O'Brien (Pelham Books, £15).

BOOK REVIEWS

O'Brien a

This deceptively simple title of a book about the 16 best horses trained by Vincent O'Brien conceals the authoristiveness and scope of the author's latest work, which has been written in collaboration with the trainer's wife. Jacqueline.
From 1948, the season in which

O'Brien won his first Cheltenhar Gold Cup with Cottage Rake, until 1984 when the quietly-spoken Irish genus captured his 38th classic with El Gran Senor in the 2000 Guineas, the book covers a span of 36 years. This period has seen a dramatic reversal of the trend which saw the hest European blood lines vanishins

to the United States. Nowadays the highest class racing is once again ucen in Ireland. France and particularly in England. It is no exaggeration to say that O'Brien is the man who has been principally responsible for this process. Robert Sangster propornted the

reasons for this when he says "I recognized that Vincent was a genus. I would never have spent in the market otherwise."

Because he has the proven results, he gives you the confidence to invest money. When he is looking at yearlings, he is measuring them as three-year-olds at Epsom. He can picture them. He's got a lantastic feel for a horse. I think that's his



Vincent O'Brien: architect of Angio-Irish revival

O'Brien's summing up of his ervat horses is as follows: have to rate Nijinsky first. Him or Sir Ivor. For bulliance, Nijinsky. For toughness, Sir Ivor, Or Golden Fleece, for he was never tested." The importance of Vincent O'Brien will only be finally realised

when the story of racing in the second half of the twentieth century comes to be written. His exploits with the sons of Northern Dancer has created a new industry in Europe, the business of staffion promotion, And now the Arab imners and men like Stavros Starchos have joined in the game as prices continue to rise. O'Brien has heen the architect and pioneer of this new era of the Anglo-Irish Turf. This is a superbly illustrated classic and a must for every serious student

The Makers of the Modern Thoroughbred by Peter Willett Stanley Paul. £12.95).

Peter Willett's latest offering tells he tale of many of the characters who had a formative influence in the development of the racehorse as we know it loday. There are chapters on the Aga Khan and on Marcel Boussac, the French textile magnate whose horses swept the board in England in the immediate post-war era. The author, a member of the

Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, gives a pen portrait of Bernard, the sixteenth Duke of Norfolk, who was such a dominant influence in racing until his death is There is an account of the career

Jockey Club and president of the

of the eccentric but gifted Italian cavalry officer. Frederico Tesio, who bred Nearco and Ribot as well as Tenerani and Donatello II. This 15 a scholarly work which has been researched with the thoroughness that is the author's own particular On and Off The Rails, The Best

On and Off The Rails, The Best of Brough Scott (Gollancz, £8.95). Through a cleverly-linked series of Sunday Times articles, this outstanding journalist holds up a mirror to the "great triviality," as Phil Bull once described racing. The sport is a caricature of real life, with triumph and disaster, pain and disaster, pain and disaster, pain and pleasure inextricably mixed and the one often following hard on the heels of the other. Scott describes

them all in his crisp and economica What could be more effective What could be more effective than his ad-libbed piece on the happenings at Newcastle in November 1983: "Tragedy came brutally out of the cupboard at Newcastle sestenday. Ekbaleo, the best horse in the north, smashed his shoulder when he fell and had to be shot just as he was challenging for the lead in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle. Scott has no equal as a chronicler

human.

No Secret So Close, a biography
of Bruce Hobbs by Tim FitzgeorgeParker (Pelham Books, £10.95).

Bruce Hobbs first hit the headlines when riding Bartleship to victory in the Grand National when riding Battleship to victory in the Grand National in 1938 at the age of 16. The author knows both his subject and the background to this work particularly well.

The scene moves through high
Leicestershire in the 1930s., the
Middle East during the 1939-45 war

Hobbs is an honourable, courageous and very human man. This is a compelling account of the life of

a great professional and of the changing face of British racing during the period of his successful carcer The Head Waiter, a biography of

Harry Wragg by Michael Seth-Smith (Michael Joseph, £10,95).

Harry Wragg's career as a jockey and trainer covered more than 60 years. Known as the Head Waiter for his patient tactics in the saddlethe Sheffield-born perfectionist is a legend in his lifetime, having achieved equal success in both spheres of his profession. Well-researched and fully-docu-

mented by an able historian, the story of Wragg's association with such good horses as Felstead, Blenheim. Rockfel and Walling Street shows how he has carved a unique place for himself in the annals of the turn.

exchange of letters Master Barratt held on the summors for inquiry on October 2, 1984 that the agreement was a contract by correspondence and accordingly the rate of interest was 5 The phrase "contracts by correspondence" in the context of section 46 of the Law of Property Act 1925 per cent. The present appeal was against that decision.

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There was no relevant statutory definition of the phrase "contracts by correspondence" contained a section 46. The relevant definition of "correspondence" in the Oxford spondence there had to be at least an exchange of letters and accordingly a contract resulting from the acceptance by letter of an oral offer English Dictionary was "intercourse which was not itself a letter was not or communication by letters"; we also Professor Farrand's 18th edition of Emmet on Title pR3 concerning section 46. Professor Farrand's own book. Contract and Mr Justice Warner so held in the Chancery Division in allowing an appeal by the plaintiff vendors Convergace 4th edition p81 did not against an order of Master Barratt add anything to the passage in Emmet, except that he pointed out the undesirability for a vendor of that their agreement with the defendant purchaser was a "contract of correspondence" and that the rate of interest applicable on the purchase price was to be calculated entering into a contract for the sale of land without the shelter of at 5 per cent a year in accordance with condition 5 of the Statutory Form of Conditions of Sale made-under section 46 of the 1925 Act. conditions and suggested that for that reason the widest possible application should be given to the

apparation should be great the statutory form of conditions.

His Lordship agreed that letters confirming an oral contract would not constitute a contract by correspondence within section 46. There was a difference between correspondence that brought a contract into existence and that which merely evidenced a contract made by other means. He disagreed with the proposition

that the phrase "contract by correspondence" was apt to describe a contract resulting from the oral acceptance of an offer made by kitter or from the acceptance by letter of an offer made orally. His Lordship did not think that a single letter could constitute correspon-dence, there had to be at least an exchange of letters.

exchange of teners.

It was noteworthy that the definition of "correspondence" in the Oxford English Dictionary referred to "letters" in the plural, He left aside and would say nothing about the cases where telegrams or televes were used. Nor was it proper for the court to gree an artificially extended mean-ing to the phrase in section 46 for

January 15, 1983, to be completed on or before March 31, 1983, On January 14, 1983 the purchaser fear of keaving vendors without the shelter of conditions. The section itself provided that telephoned the vendors solicitor (William Attwood & Son) to say he was evercising the option. the statutory form of conditions of sale might be made to apply to contracts other than those made by correspondence but only by However, on January 17 the vendors' solicitor received a letter from the purchaser dated January 14 confirming he was taking up the

express reference thereto" which did option but subject to a condition, inter also, postponing completion until May 1, 1983. not seem consistent with an intention that those conditions should be given the widest possible On its receipt the vendors' solicitor advised the purchaser's solicitor by telephone on January 17 that the option must be exercised on application.
The section also referred to "any modification, or any stipulation or intention to the contrary, expressed

the written terms or not at all, and in the correspondence" which suggested that the authors of the section envisaged that in the case of such a contract all its terms would the vendors' solicitor by telephone that the purchaser unconditionally exercised the option. and in the correspondence of at all events would be ascertainable from it. His Lordship was prepared to solicitors to each other on January 17. They crossed in the post, The vendors solicitor must have

assume in the purchaser's favour that the acceptance that caused the relevant contract to come into existence was contained in the the purchaser had decided to exercise the option unconditionally because he did not mention that fact confining himself to giving the purchaser an extension of 48 hours: purchaser's solicitor's letter of_ January 17.

it was not apparent that the offer that was thereby accepted was contained in enything which could be described as a letter and it would he a plain misuse of language to describe the option document as a letter.
in any case the irrevocable offer it

to repeating what he had told the purchaser's solicitor on the tele-phone. The purchaser's solicitor's letter referred to the telephone contained lapsed on January 15, The purchaser's conditional acceptance of that offer by his letter of January, 14 was ineffective or at Disputes arose and a writ was ssued on March 17, 1983, the nction being tried by Mr Justice Goulding who delivered judgment on May 9, 1984. He granted the vendors specific performance of the most acted as a counter offer which was rejected by telephone on the

morning of January 17.

The offer that was accepted by the purchaser's solicitor's letter was the offer then made by the vendors solicitor orally on January 17, albeit it referred to the option document. The vendors' solicitor's letter of January, 17 did not form part of the contract, it merely confirmed that oral offer, and it reached the purchaser's solicitor after the contract had been concluded by the posting of the latter's letter.

At best therefore, from the purchaser's point of view, the case was one of a contract resulting from the acceptance by letter of an oral offer referring to a written docu-ment not itself a letter. Such was not a "contract by correspondence" within the meaning of section 46 and the case would be sent back to the master for further consideration. Leave to appeal was granted.

Solicitors: Cameron Markby: Gregory Rowcliffe & Co. for Woolley & Weston, St Albans.

Sale of option right is subject to gains tax

provide an exemption from the liability that was imposed by the provisions of section 22 of the Act. Mr Justice Vinelott so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division in allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination of the special commissioners who had reduced an assessment to capital gains tax on the taxpayer. Mr Zacharias Kaufman, having found that a sum of £5,000 received by him for abandoning his rights under an option was expressly exempted from charge by paragraph 14(3) of Schedule 7.

an option whereby he could in certain circumstances require an investment company to purchase his shareholding in the company that employed him. In 1969 the investment company paid to the taxpayer £5,000 to abandon his rights under that option. The taxpayer was assessed to capital gains lax for the year 1968-69 in an amount that included the £5.000. Mr Andrew Park QC for the Crown: Mr Andrew Thornbill for

The commissioners, holding that that provision exempted the taxpayer from the tax in respect of the £5,000, rejected the Crown's argument that the word "abandonment" described only the extinction of an option by lapse of time. They were right to do so.

paragraph 14 that resolved the difficulty. It involved the provisions of section 22(3) and 23(3) of the Act - the latter but not the former being expressly made subject to paragraph

Properly construed paragraph 14(3) created an exception to the general rule that the extinction of an asset was to be treated as a disposal for the purpose of creating an allowable loss. Looked at in that context the word "abandonment" was used in the wider scase contended for by Mr Thorahill, Thus it followed that the subparagraph did not provide an exemption for the taxpayer and the appeal had to be allowed. appeal had to be allowed.

Leicester results

George hurdles - soft, chase - good 12.30 2m hdle 1, RODOOSO (Georgea Herbert, 33-1: 2, Gold Hurther (S Earle 8-15 1avt, 2, Inflatio Star (J Duggan, 8-4) ALSO RAM- 12 Gate Boy (left, 33 Bounteque Spirit (P/U, 5 ran, 6) 12 F Coton at Notangham TOTE: £19 60, £5 40, £1 10 DF: £7 00 CSF £50.34

1.00 (2m hd/e) 1, JUST ALICK (A Brown, 8-4 fav); 2, Prescher's Gem (M Perrett, 50-1) 3, Dixton House (P Scudamore, 25-1), ALSO RAN; 5-2 Brollin (5til) 11-1 Rum 7 Experimenting (4th) 12 Bucklast Abbey 14 The Sunday Man (2th 1 Percett) 50 Arctic Breuses, Ballymurphy (1ath) Highwood, Mandy 1, Scal, Stradul (P/U) Ferndels, Madam Shekra (6th) Energise, NR: Singlectot, Barnule Stert Guttender 17 ran, 1 Vrl. 11, 21, 21 15, M H Easterby at Great Habton, TOTE: £1.90, £1.50. £44 70, £1, 10, DF: wenter OR 2nd with any offer £1.60 CSF: £38 64

1.39 (2m 4/ ch) 1, DUESENBERG (M Parrett, 7-2). 2, Spider's Well (R Rows, 7-2). 3, Emperor Charles (J Francoms, 8-5 lav) ALSO RAN 10 Sharagan str. Swift Messanger (5th), 20 Edde Jos (6th), 5 ran 2, 13f, 2 vs / not recorded, 7r. Mrs. J Pissan at Lambourn TOTE: £6 50. £1 80, £2.00. DF: £12.00 CSF, £14.95



Mark Perrett: Leicester double on Duesenberg and Smith's Man

2.0 (3m cn) 1 560TH*9 MAN (M Perrer, 8-11 fay); 2 Gelded (Mr M Armytage, 9-1), 3 560 Orchold (C Brosen 7-1) ALSO RAN 3 Sommetics (fet, remounted to linesh 4m), 16 Another Plator (p/u), 5 ran 10, dist not recorded Mrs J Poman at Lambourn TOTE, £1 70, £1 10, £3 10 DF, £7.80 CSF £6 92.

2.30 (2m 4); 1. MIDSUMMER SPECIAL (kir ?. J. Beggan, 9-1). 2. Bucks Green (R Rowe, 33-1); 3. Sir Kenwin (A Webber, 7-2). ALSO RAN 100-30 fav Killeger Kim (4th), 11-2 The Small Mracle (5th), 6. Big Paddy Joe (6th), Dee) Cross (p/u), 20. French Lieutenam (p/u) 25. Thistisconen Path (fell), 33. Avanos (fell), Chaarful Boy, Ana Brown (p/u), 12 ran 41, 41. 5, 11-4. Mrs. M. Dicknison at Hisroenood TOTE E11.00; 24-90, E7.20, E1.80. DR. Winner or 2nd with any other, E4.30. CSF. E218.21.

3.6 (2m 4) hole) 1 GRUNDY GLOW (R Rowe, 11-2), 2. Falldand Conqueror (A Webber, 12-1), 3 Petham Line (C Smith, 3-1 lay); 4 River Warrior (G Dawes, 33-1), 4.150 RAN, 4 Princess Hecate, 5 High Renown (5th), 10 Capitam Faritastic, 14 Dusty Feriow (pul) 20 Luchy Green, One Armed Bandri (pul) 25 Town Special (pul), 33 Appalachan (pul), 25 Town Special (pul), 33 Appalachan (pul), 58 Appalac

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12.15 (2m hdle) 1. HOLLY BUOY (G Charles-James 4-1); 2. Tot (D Thompson, 9-2); 3. Tarchin J. O'Gorman, 18-11 ALSO RAN; 9-4 lav Excavator Lady (5th), 7-2 Islay Mist (5th), 5. Frankness (4th), 6-ran Shidh, 6, 11-J, 71, 251 Mrs G Reveley at Sathburt-by-the See, TOTE, £7-50, £2.20, £4.90 DF, £9.00 CSF; £20.20

12.45 (3m ch) 1, UNSCRUPULOUS JUDGE (Mr P.J. Dun. 6-1); 2 Earls Brig (P Tuck. 4-8 tay); 3. Mr Shugg (D Dutton, 3-1; ALSO RAN: 16 Chance Command (fel); 50 Vany Ridge (4/h); 5 ran: 2; dest. 61 W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. TOTE 55:30, \$1:30, \$1 10 DF; \$2:80. CSF \$9.48.

1.15 (2m 4f hdie) 1. AUTUMN BALLET (P A Cranton, 4-1), 2. Falconer Lady (Mendy Marrison, 5-1); 3. Kernelenne (C Printon, 33-1), ALSO RAN: 9-4 Deep Love, 7 Gray Rose-Bay, Surset Surprise (Str), Cheeny's Brin (4th, 20 Faston, Golden Farme (feel), 33 See Sand (5th) Strathleven (ply), 11 ran. 1½, 6, 2, 12, A Scott at Wooperton, TOTE, 25,50, 51,80,52,20, 24,80, DF-212,80 CSF: 222,61

1.45 (2m 6f ch) 1. DURHAM EDITION (R Lamb. 11-10 fav); 2. Barrister Boy (P A Chariton, 2-1); 3. Another Wager (M Meagher, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 6 Lelles Brig (4th, 25 Polo) (6th, 33 Moon Gazer (1eth, Swaffhem (5th), 7 Ran, 5, 2, 11 g., 12, dist W A Sagherson at Bishop Auctiant, TOTE \$1.40, £1.50, £1.10. DF: £2.00 CSF £3.55

Elis (2m totle) 1. WARGAME (Mr J Cuinn, 9-1):
2. Berlum (D Leadbriter, 8-1): 3, The Builder (N Doughty, 4-1), ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Maunty Prince, 13-2 Owen Herbert, 10 No Fancom (plup), 0 Heaty Import (4th), 11 Kalyob, 14 Norekistie, 20 Arpal Dask (5th), Fargy Foster (5th), Some Yoyo, 33 Romaniard, Soft Centre, 50 British Fellow, Harbour Mussic, Kindles Halts, Masser Brabinger, Melrose (plup), Roque Harnes, Colisiaca, Errol's Elite, 22 ran, 14, 10, 213, no. 14, A G Betay et Stockfield, Totat (71.30, 22.00, DF: 537.50, CSF: 258.30.

2.45 (2m ch) 1. SUPER SOLO (S Charlton, 13-2); 2. Polars Sourite (C Grant, 20-1); 3. Veiled City (Mr C Storty, 2-1); fay). ALSO RAN; 2); fay Drum Bultagh; Sth. 5-2 Souried (4th). 5 ran, 10L sh hd, 72; 30L T Craig at Dunbar. Tota: EL10; 10 JBL 22.70. DF; (writing or second with any other horse) 21.80. CSP: 198.64. Placepot: 2360.50 to a 50p stake.

LUDLOW

GOING: good to soft 12.30 AMONTILLADO CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP

	HURDLE	(£628; 2m) (15 runners)
2	143-041	BATCH MATCH (D) (Communidate Ltd) M Chapman 4-12-0 (7 ex)P Liddle
3	00021/4	CANDAULES (C. James) C. James 5-11-9
-4	120/0-0	CAN'T SWIM (D) (D Wookard) R Howe 5-11-7
5	/00000-	HASTY KATE (L Tory) L W Tory 5-11-8
7	0-01p0f	IN SLIPS (BF) (W Craig) C Miller 5-10-11 Tourill
- 8	00044-р	GALTRIM (Cellings & International) C Jackson 5-10-10
9	p14000	PORTO LOUISE (D) (F Jackson W Clay 5-10-9 .,
11	100-0p3	FREEFALL (B) (D Chatterley) M Tate 4-10-4
12	3042-01	SEVERN SOUND (D) (J. Bradley) J Bradley 6-10-4Sharron James
13	* 0p2004*	INDADO (D) (R Williams) R Williams 6-10-3
14	432-404	LIFT HIGH (M Enticott) D Tucker 5-10-3
	90490/0p	SUGATTI (B) (D Mutchinson) R Psacock 8-19-1
١7	(200000)	ROCHE GIFL (S Torn & Torn 6-10-0
18	p40-003	KALO ASTRO (C Dodson) J S Wright 5-10-0
19	00-003p	TENNIS TRACK (B) (M Stephens) 8-10-0
		1983: Derbyshire Filel 6-10-8 P Croucher (6-1) J Roberts 9 ran.
	6-2 Baton	Match, 4 Candaules, 8-2 Freefall, 6 Lift High, 8 Galerin, 10 in Sips. 14 Severn

FORMs BATON HATCH (11-6) 2-I Notarghem wither from Gold Hunter (11-0) (2m hdts, 1708, good, Dec 3, 8 ran), FREEFALL (10-9) beaten 38I when 3rd of 8 to Eprysiss (11-0) at Chepstow (2m hdts, £530, soft, Dec 1). LET HIGH (10-10) 144 4th of 12 to Ashleigh Boy (11-1) at Wolverhampton, when GALTRIM (11-6) was backward, soon talke off, and pulled up before the 6th (2m 7) hdts, £702, soft, Nov 25I, KALD ASTRO (10-3) 107-13 dot 6'8 to Jackno Times (11-11) at Unboaster (2m 1) hdts, £562, good, Nov 15I, TENNIS TRACK pulled up before the first in novechass last arms, previously (10-2) 12*1 3rd to Parmered Gypey (11-2) at Ludlow 8I shead of CANDALES (11-9) was 4th (2m hdts, £538, good, Nov 28, 8 ran).

Ludlow selections

12.30 Lift High, 1.0 Grima, 1.30 Co Member, 2.0 Ensigns Kit, 2.30 Deep Moppet, 3.0 TIMURS DOUBLE (nap).

By Michael Seely 1.30 PLAY THE KNAVE (nap), 2.0 Sweetcal.

1.0	BURGU	NDY NOVICE CHASE (Div I: £931: 2m) (12)	
1 2 3	4433/31 022/00- 0092-0p 000/0-1	CORBENSON (J Tucker) Mrs D Tucker 8-17-0	
	01000-p	FINNESKO (Mrs Z Clark) S Christian 6-11-0	
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15		TORY MEMBER (Ma R Hambro) Mrs M Firmsi 7-10-9	

13-8 St William, 11-4 Tory Member, 9-2 Frau Mau, 7 Dickensian, 12 Grims, 16 Says Eye, 25 others FORM: ST WILLIAM (11-4) left clear by the last funce hat of Flutus T Firefly when beating Brown Blazer (11-4) by 20' at Plumpton (2m ch. £1,599, soft. Dec 12. 11 ran). GRIMA (11-4) backward when 28'-1 5th of 17' to Morning Link (1-4) at Heraford (2m hitle, £1,067, soft. Dec 4). FRA Morning butted up load up to at 17th backward by the 16' to Morning Link (1-4) at Marchet (2m ch. 255,5 Mood to soft. Nov 17). Earlier (10-10) 5's1 4th of 7 to Freight Forwarder (11-1) at Chekenham (2m ch. 4.378 novel the 24').

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ı	1.30		GE PORT HANDICAP CHASE (£1,370; 3m) (12)
١	1	303n-00	GREENBANK PARK (A Budge Ltd) R Perkins 7-11-11 Des Wellems
ŀ	5	23207-1	MUNT STREAK (P Oliver) Mrs E Kennard 8-11-5
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	i k	331-324	ROYAL NORMAN (B) (D) (Mrs M Brisbourne) A Brisbourne 6-11-1
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ı	•		1983: Laurensun 8-11-2 Mr T Weston (9-1) M Oliver 14 ran.

FORM: GREENBANK PARK (11-8) 40i 6th of 8 to Three Chances (10-4) at Nottingham (3m ch. £1.888, good to firm. Dec 3). PLAY THE KNAVE (11-10) best Emperor Charles (11-2) £51 or Wincarrion Novice Charse (2m 5f. £1.283, good, Nov 29, 10 ram). CO MEMBER (11-9) weakened accroaching last when 30 2nd of 7 to Glerifox at Newbury (3m ch. £1.935, soft, Nov 29).

FOLKESTONE: GOING: Chase soft, hurdles heavy. (8am inspection).

12.45 'NO SILVER' NOVICE HURDLE. (£548: 2m 6f) (13 runners)

5-2 The Joesten. 100-30 Erica Superba. 5 Revolver, 13-2 Ten Below. 7 J Evening Song. 10 The Governor, 12 Golden Rambler. 16 others.

1.15 ALDINGTON NOVICE CHASE (£1,277: 2m) (14) 1 010ffp ROCKFIELD BOY (D) (Mrs P Garner) J Jenkins 7-11-10 J Francome 4/0-01 SOME SHOT (D) (R Shaw) R Armytage 5-11-5 AWebber CAPTAIN AMERICA (D Goodwin) D Goodwin 3-11-0 J Barlow CAPTAIN AMERICA (D Goodwin) D Goodwin 3-11-0 J Barlow
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COCOCALI C William C William 7.11.0
7 4120-02 GOLDEN MINSTREL (W Gale) J Gifford 5-11-0
8 22/0-11 HENNESSY HOUSE (Mrs L Ripley) G Ripley 7-11-0
10 MOD-IT KINGHOLM QUAY (Lady M FitzAlan Howard) Lady Herries 6-11-0
11 00/ MATISON (M Derness) M Madgwick 6-11-0 A Madgwick 4
13 00300/1 PASQUIER (T Chama) H O'Neill 5-11-0
15 300000- RUNWICK PROSPECT (B Edgeley) Miss L Bower 8-11-9
17 00200-2 THE FOODBROKER (BF) (Food Brokers Ltd) P Haynes 8-11-0
20 30000-p TRICKY BUSINESS (J Bird) A Moore 6-11-0G Moore
21 phon-3 WEAVERSLAKE (A Neaves) A Neaves 8-11-0
15-8 Some Shot, 3 The Foodbroker, 4 Golden Minstrel, 5 Rockfield Boy, 16 Kingholm Quay.
12 Ceccont 16 others.

Folkestone selections 12.45 Ten Below, 1.15 Some Shot, 1.45 Jimmy Boy, 2.15 Three Chances, 2.45 Turkoman. 3.15 Pompous Prince. Michael Seely's selection: 12.45 Ten Below. 1.45 SELLINDGE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (2628: 2m 110yd) (13)

CLONEEN KING (10-6) IDI 2nd of 12 to Dr. Procest (11-6) at Worcester, when MINT STREAK (11-6) was bit findoward and last at the 1st Str. 0.5.15.55, soft, Nov 21) FORTSTAR (11-0) 181 2nd of 10 Big Brown Bear (11-4) at Wolverington (3m ch. 21.713, soft, Nov 26), SUCK ROYALE (10-10) was carrying 300; more than long handcap weight when 5 Val 5th of 9 to Mount Oliver (10-6) at Wincanton (3m 1) ch. 12.443, good, Nov 29). Selection BUCK ROYALE 2.0 CLARET HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,251: 2m) (16)

3	u302-00	BORSONS CHOICE (CD) (E Evans) & Evans 6-10-13
5	030-132	ROBOLEN (CD) (Mrs A Kennedy) R Hollinsheld 9-10-11 J J O'Ne
6	004013	SWEETCAL (CD) (G Summer) P Cundell 7-10-11 S Morshea
7	07-3302	OUI MONSIEUR (D) (J Bosley) J Bosley 10-10-10
à.	p(0-p0p	MORICE (D) (B Hartery) (P Batery) 6-10-10
10	020-001	ENSIGNS KIT (CD) (A Brisbourne) A Brisbourne 9-10-10 (5 ex) M Brisbourn
iĭ	14-4100	THE THUNDERER (CD) (G Bruston) F M Taylor 4-10-8 A Carro
13	040-000	LUCKY MISTAKE (B) (D) (G Alleri) R Hodges 7-10-5
14	/0000-0	CORNISH GRANITE (D) (G Paimer) M Plos 6-10-2R Decests
15	0020-p	SILVER SEASON (Communicate Ltd) M Chapman 6-10-2
16	Dp-3002	HOME COMMAND (D) (\$ March) J Bradley 4-10-0 C Evans
18	0213/00	BATTEN (D) (B) Palling Littl B Palling \$-10-0
22	112-p30	HOT PRETENCE (D) (Lady Strewsbury) Ld Strewsbury 7-10-0
23	200100-	SILVER MAID (Mrs B Davis) M Pipe 5-10-0
24	/01f-p0	KINGS TOWN (CD) (J Grogeri) M Tase 7-10-0
		1983: Sweetcal 6-10-11 S Morshead (12-1) P Cundel 20 ren
	3 Sweets	zai, 7-2 Ensegns Kd. 9-2 Robolin, 6 Dobson's Choice, 8 Out Monsteur, 10 Th
nun	derer, Seac	ram, 14 others.

PORING SEAGRAM (11-10) 81 3rd to Our White Hart (10-0) at Devon last year (11-0), 61 2nd to Alzal (11-0) at Liverpool (2m India, 19,113, good, Mar 30, 17 ram), ROBOLIN (11-5) 81 2nd to Townley Stone (10-7) at Utbratear (2m 11, 1989, good to firm, Cor 20 1983, 19 ram). Ctf McONSEUR (11-3) runner-up to Questair Prince (10-1) at Southwell (2m India, £1,185, good to soft, Nov 20,714 ram). ENSIGNS (17 10-12) beat The Diploment (11-5) by ¹/₂ st.Lebester, SWEETCAL (11-3) a nack back in 3ed (2m India, £1,188, good to soft, Nov 30, 21 ram). BATTEN (10-0) saced once beaten when 7th to Indiamelody (10-8) at Kemplon (2m India, £1,596, good to soft, Nov 22, 9 ram). Selection: SEAGRAM.

2.30 BURGUNDY NOVICE CHASE (Div II: £955 2m) (15)

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3	202400	FLIGHT SHEET (M Heigh) P Folgate 8-11-0
Ă	00g-top	PUNKY ANGEL LI Prost) Mrs E Plandert 6-11-0
6	44-p00u	ITSGOTTABEAURIGHT (Mrs E Skarles) Mrs W Sykes 7-11-0
Ġ	/00p-00	JINJA THYME (M Grant) D Ringer 7-11-0
Ē	0/4/303	SOCK DENNIS (BF) (R Hodges) R Hodges 8-11-0
Š	p0/pp-0	TAKABUCK (W McKenzie-Coles) W McKenzie-Coles 6-11-0
Ō	304-1	TARVILLE (J Specimen) J Edwards 5-11-0 Barto
Ť	/O-ucol	VICTOR DUB (B) (P Cartridge) M Castel 6-11-0
3	00/0000	CASTLE COR (C Creed) M Oliver 7-10-9
ă		DEEP MOPPET (Parrish Bros Ltd) D Gandolfo 6-10-8
5	0p-00p0	FUOLISH HOOLITY (E Sevan) E Sevan 7-10-9
Ē		KEDDY DAT (Mrs A Price) Mrs A Price 6-10-9
ġ	800/p	
	1983: Roma	triv Merkharta 7-11-4 H Daviss (11-4) T Forster 12 ran.

11-8 Royal Many, 5-2 Deep Monnet, 4 Demuras, 5 Pilots Sheet, 14 Sock Dennes, 20 FORM: ROYAL MANX (11-7) jumped badly when 44i 6th to Sir Kertwin (11-3) at Taunton (2m 3i ch, C1.311, soft. Dec 8, 14 ram) OEMAREE (11-5) 25/3-d to The Welder (11-5) at Nottropham, PLIGHT SHEET (11-5) 13 sway in 5th (2m ch, 1995, good bo soft, Nov 23, 8 ram). DEEP MOPPET (11-0) 'yl 2nd to Golden Homei (11-0) at Devon (2m 11 ch, £1,423, heavy, Dec 7, 14 ram).

3.0	RUM PL	JNCH NOVICE HURDLE (3-y-a:£639: 2m) (18)
2	106 91	
- 7	13	NIEKA (D) (BF) (J Colston) J Colston 10-11
- 3	4310	
Ā	-0.0	COUR WOLLOW (D Jones) B Cambridge 10-9
ğ		COUL WOLLOW (D Jones) B Cambidge 10-9
13		HOUDINGS MARK (B Hollies) D Jones 10-9P Christopher
15		LORD BUTCH (R Hower) R Howe 10-9
22	4	LORD BUTCH (R Howe) R Howe 10-9
23	2	STARWIND (J Lipscombe) (P Feloate) 10-9
26		THE PROCESSOR (J Hurst) R Howe 10-9P Howe
28	3	TIMURS DOUBLE (Ld Leverhume) Y Forster 10-9
29	0	VIDEO LAD (Mrs M Price) B Prescs 10-9
30		VILLAGE POACHER (T Bit) T 811 10-9
33	P	ANGELA'S GIRL (F Gattins) A Griffiths 10-4
38	_	GLANSEVERA (I Anderson) Mrs J Evans 10-4
41	. 0	MADAME DE COOMBE (R Ward) W G M Turner 10-4
44	1.4	SPIV'S RIGHT (T Evens) J Bradley 10-4
		1985; (Div I:) Broad Beam 10-7 & Morshead (8-1) Mrs M Rimell 17 part.
		(Div II:) Atamen 10-7 S Morshead (8-1) Mrs M Remell 17 ran.

FORBIL TRIKERSFIELD (11-0) left clear when bearing Parao Prince (11-10) is at Taunton (2n 11 hole, £553 soft, Dec 6, 16 ran). MEKA (11-0) 21 2nd of 14 to Rix Woodcock (11-0) in Werwick conditional sell hole, £7m, £478, soft, Nov £9), \$478WIND (10-10) 81 2nd of 18 to Shepherd's Hymn (10-10) at Lelevister 2m hole, £609, good to soft, Nov \$9), with SHELDAIG (10-10) 70 away sith and SPRINGLE (10-12) 7th TIMURS DOUBLE (11-0) 14 4 2nd of 15 to Against The Grain (11-0) at Newtony £7m hole, £14,404, heavy, Nov £3), with TINKERSFIELD (11-0) 7th, Selection: TIMURS DOUBLE.

i	10	2004	TOP GOLD IC WOODS HO THAN 5-11-1 SPEAK TO ME BONES (D) (V-KBunny) G Thorner 10-10-10	M Hammon
,	11	042-043	JIMMY BOY (P Houtharth) Bready 5-10-10	R Galdste
1	13	0400p-D	BIHAS BOUNTY (D Goodwin) D Goodwin 8-10-9	J Barto
	14	000/p0p	KEND HILL (Mrs G Davison) A Davison 9-10-8 Harry Company	W. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.
	17	p4-0210 /0000-0	ERNIE'S (CEP (G Carlotti) G Riginy 9-10-7	G Moor
	7.4	Janosk 3	1983: Bell Hop 7-11-10 C Brown (6-1) B Stevens 15 ran. Speak To Me Bones. 4 Jammy Boy. 7 Top Gold, 9 Bell Hop, 10 Brok	Clark :
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	2.15	HEATH	IFIELD HANDICAP CHASE (£1,163:3m 2f) (5)	
		f00f-a	EGGNOG (R Carrier run) R Champion 11-11-12	C Macan
	3	10b-af1		Mr M Low
	5	f130m2		G Moor
	5		GREY TARQUIN (J Bridger) J Bridger 12-10-0	A. lones
	7	p0-4332	RIB LAW (B) (A Catori) Miss L Bower 10-10-8	M Kinan
•	2 ∏	hṛee Chan	1983: Storm Prince 8-10-10 P Hobbs (12-1) I Dudgeon 13 ran, ces, 100-30 North West, 7-2 Grey Tarquin, 5 Eggnog, 8 Rib Law,	

2.45 STANFORD NOVICE HURDLE (2548: 2m 110yd) (18)

3.15 SHADDOXHURST CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£794: 2m) (5) D03320 TEN BEARS (8) (D) (Af Cdre C Kunider) T M Jones 8-11-10 .G Charles-Jones 3-32202 POMPOUS PRINCE (BF) (M Bryant) S Woodman 11-11-6 P Compara 2011-19 GRANGE HEIGHTS (J Parish) P Butter 9-11-3 S Earle 2014-0 MILANESSA (Capt & Prest) G Prest 7-10-7 S Earle 2014-0 PUTEK MUKA (Hillifelds Farming) E Witts 7-10-4 P Geswell 5

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the Lord Chancellor under that section applied. Those conditions were prescribed as long ago as August 7, 1925 and the rate of interest for which they provided was

A sum received by an option holder in return for relinquishing his option rights was to be charged to capital gains tax. Paragraph 14(3) of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 1965 properly construed did not provide an exemption from the

Under the terms of an agreement the taxpayer acquired the benefit of

the taxpayor, MR JUSTICE VINELOTT, said that the issue was whether a sum paid to a person (the option holder), who had the right to call on another to sell property to him (a call option). For the release of the option, was a capital sum derived from an asset (the option) which fell to be brought into account in computing his chargeable gains.

Colding (Inspector of Taxes) v
Kaufman
Before Mr Justice Vinelott
[Judgment delivered December 12]
A sum received by an option holder in return for relinquishing his option rights was to be charged to capital gains tax. Paragraph 14(3) of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act dealt with losses.

Paragraph 14(3) of Schedule 7 to the Act provided: The exercise or abandonment of an option by the person for the time being entitled to exercise it shall not constitute the disposal of an asset by that person

Examination of paragraph 14 yielded no compelling reason for construing "abandonment" in any particular way. However, an alternative argument now raised by the Crown threw a new light on processors to the construent to the const

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**ARGUHARSON. – On 16th December at The Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh, to Daphine (neo Order) and, Dovid, a son Malcolm John,

**OSKETT. – On December 14th, to Angela thee Jacobo's and David – a daughter, Rosansa Marie NOBLE, Jessie of Dolls Hill, London, NW2. Peacefully in hospital an Saturday, 15th December, aged 79. Deeply mourised by family and Gritchs.

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Natilda Hospital, Hong Kong to Sally,

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ANGMARK. — On December 16th

Elisabeth, wife of Roy, a daughter,

Charistic Elisabeth. be announced taler.

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al St Lukes Hospital, Dublin, Maior,
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Jane (the Brocksopp) and Burney, a
ton (Robert) a brother for Sarah,
Joanna and Thomas.

RUBDY. — On 15th December in
Harare. Zimisabwe in Verity (the
Clubtil) and Peter, a son — Matthew.

OWE — On December 6th to Judith IIRLET — On December 15th at St Thomas's Hospital to Aaron and Caren time Rabinowitz a daughter, Joanna Day, a sister to Katherine. KUSE — on December 14, to Antonia tnee Belli and Peter a son. Patrick who was stillborn. Zimmerman – On December 12th to Laura (née Sagman) and Stephen, ; daughter, Emma Frances.

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ANDERSON On 10th December 1984
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BARKER — JEAN RADCLIFFE, peacefully at Benenden on 14th December
aged 73. after much saffering home
with faith and signity and courage.
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of Gordon. Requiera 28. Marris
Church, Surbinan, Eurroy at 10am on
Friday 21st December, followed by
burnal at Hoby Trinty Church.
Caygair, Family flowers only please.
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SMRTH. - Austin Geoffrey. Emeritos
Professor of the University of
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joved husband of Ronnie (Veral-Church, Burton-on-Trent, on Friday December 21st, at 2 pm. Family Invers only please, donations, if Seatred, to the Matron, East Middands Nutfield Hospital, Littleover, Derby. runeral at Stantons Crematorium, Coventry Line, Bramcole, Nottinghain, on Friday 21st December 8t il am. Family flowers only donations in feu to Ex-Services Mental Weiters Society of Marie Curie Foundation e/o Ghovers Funeral Service, 65 Middle Street, Beeston, A commemoration of his life will be held at Nottingham University at a date to be arranged.

[OPER - On December 14th, peaco-Nutlinid Hospital, Littleover, Dorby.

BOYLE, CHRISTIMA. — At home on December 16th, 1984, after a long thress, brawely borne, aged 73. Beloved wife of Andrew Boyle and their children Edmund and Dana, Requiem muss at RC Church, Hurst Green, East Sussest, on Thursday, December 20th at 11.30am, Burtal private. No flowers periods. Donatoms instead to the Marke Curite Memorian mated to the Marke Curite Memorian CMI August 1984. as a user to be arranged.

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6.00 Ceefax AM. News headings, weather, traific and sports bulletins. 6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Debble Rix at 5.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours and at 8.59; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; programme choice at 6.55; a review of the

morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18. Plus Alan Titchmarsh answering viewers' phone-in gardening questions and Glynn Christia with more Christmas racipes.

9.00 in Deepest Britain, Naturalists
Patrick Harding and Roger
Lovegrove, with archaelogist
Peter Fowler, explore the
Mendips in May (r), 9.30
Ceefax 10.30 Play School (r),
10.50 Ceefax. 10.50 Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon with Richard

Influence and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Jim Bacon 12.57 Regional news. (London and SE only: Pipancial report followed by news headlines with subtities).

Pebble Milifat One. Str groups of schoolchildren in the final of the Christmas Carol Competition. The celebrity penel of judges is chaired by Peter Skellern, 1.45 Holley Cokey, A See-Saw

programme for the very young. 2.00 Living on the Land. Lambing time at Hartsop Hall, a Lakeland farm (r).

2.25 Film: The Affairs of Annab (1938) starring Lucille Ball and Jackie Oakle. Cornedy about a scatterbrained actress completely under the control of her nutriess agent. Directed by Ben Stoloff, 3.30 Carteen Double Bill, 3.48 Regional house feet a personnel to the control of the control o news (not London).

3.50 Pley School, presented by Ben Thomas 4.10 Destardly and Muttley (r) 4.20 Jacksnory. Michael Berrymore reads part two of The Land of Green Ginger 4.35 Captain to be Top. The last in the series designed for those who aspire to teacher's pet.

5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Star Trek. One of Captain Kirk's men is swept through space to times past where he retrieves the future (r). 5.58 Weather.

5.00 News. 6.30 London Plus.

8.55 The District Nurse. A schoolboys' football game ends in disaster and Megan and John Price combine to form a rescue team (Ceefax).

7.25 Halls of Fame. A salute to variety, introduced by Roy Hudd from the Empire Theatre, Sunderland, Amond those on the bill are Alen Price, Frankle Vaughan, Noele Gordon and Bob and Alf

8.10 Cagney and Lacey, Another case for the two vociferous lactes of the New York Police

9.00 News with John Hamphrys. 9.25 Play: More Lives Than One, ebout a middle-aged London builder, married with two sons. who has difficulty coming to terms with his homosex Starring Michael N Herbour and Elepath Charlton (see

Choice).

10.45 The Other Hell. John Pitman amigraps the palationship explores the relationship between former Playboy Club boss, Victor Lownes, and his companion for many years, Marilyn Cole (r).

11.15 Cinire Rayner's Casebook.
The problem page tady talks to 11.40 Late Night in Concert. Elde Brooks at the New Theatre,

12.05 Weather. 12.20 Night Thoughts. On Saturday: Your complete guide to films on television during Christmas week



Hold Tight! with Bob Carolgees and Sue Robble. Inter-school quiz and pop

10.50 Time to Time. John Hunday

12.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and

Learning with puppets (r) 12.30 The Suffvens.

Tebbitt's first television.

1.30 Jemima Shore investigates

Interview strice the Brighton bombing (repeated in today's other ITN news bulletins), 1.20

Greek shipping millionaire (r).

Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a

itter of topical importance

3.00 University Chellenge. The second semi-final -

Birkbeck College, London meet the University of St Andrews \$25. Themes new headines \$30. The Young

4.00 Thomas the Tunk Engine and Friends, A repeat of the programme shown at moon

4.15 Wil Owec Owec. Adventures of a naughty duck 4.20 How Dare Youl presented

by Carrie Gray and Cheryl Baker 4.45 CBTV. News, views, ideas and interviews for

ale Farm.

news of the Home Farm
'Trust's Milton Heights; a home for 33 mentally handicapped persons near Abingdon in

young people, 5.15

5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.

6.20 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with

6.55 Reporting London presented by Michael Barratt. Bill

Migmore reports on the possible crass industry and investigates whether or not tourists' whether or not tourists' saible crisis facing the trave

holidays will be safe. On a

Addicett visits Yattendon in Berkshire where more than a

million Christmas trees are

mime game. This week Una

Stubbs' team is Isla Blair, Bell

Emberg and Annie Ross; on

Lionel Blair's side are Nicky

8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight, Music

9.00 Teiding the Lid Off. A harrowing subject for the week before Christmas – cruelty to children. A film that examines

whether or not children ever

recover mentally from this type of rejection and how they

come to terms with their pain

Sexon and Ahna Capri. Martial arts adventure with Lee as a

British agent helping to break up an oplum and prostitution

ring in the Fer East. Directed by Robert Clouse.

10.30 Film: Enter the Dragon (1973) starring Bruce Lee, John

uit mom the er

Henson, Gerfield Morgan and

sessonal pote Graham

7.30 Give Us a Clue, Celebrit

ian Ogiby.

and his guests.

(see Choice).

10.00 Name at Ten.

6.30 Crossroads.

1.00 News at One includes Mr

and King Kurt.

music from Savage Progress

takes a journey back in time to find out what life was like for

our ancestors 11.10 On Safari with Christopher Biggins 11.35

Friends. Ringo Starr with more tales from the pen of the Rev Awdry 12.10 Reinbow.

Michael N Harbour and Danie Webb (BBC1, 9.25pm)

3.50 Backstairs at the White

9.00 Ceefax

BBC 2

House. Part two of the drama

daughter who served in the White House for 52 years. With Ed Flanders as Calvin

Coolidge and Larry Gates as

of the Vietnam War come out

into the open as the private

detective investigates the disappearance of a Vietnam

Immigrant, Jim uncovers a

stolen GI payroll money (r).

s guided by writer Anthony

Burton over a five-mile walk through unknown (to Bowmer terrain. From the class to his

whereabours given by Burton and from his pwn knowledge of the countryside, will Bowman discover his

of seven programmes tracing the history of carols examines

the early nativity carols, with assistance from the William

Byrd Choir and the Belgrade Theatre Company, Coventry, Presented by Sir Geraint

recording their new album in Paris; John Peel at Radio 1's

Maide Vale studios; a studio performance by Lou Reed; and the Penguin Cafe Orchestra. Plus a vintage

performance by David Bowie.

Oliver Reed, Ann-Margaret, Roger Daltrey, Elton John and

The Who. A rock opera by

pinball wizard. Written and

of the programmes to be seen

course for beginners, with Lilly

embo Lambert and Enrico

Verdecchiz who, this evening,

tour Etruria and around Lake

Bolsena, Ends at 11.40.

Pete Townshend about a

directed by Ken Russell.

10.15 Christmes on Two. A preview

on this channel over the

Christmas and New Year

11.10 Buongiomo italiai The penultimate lesson of the 20-

period.

Newsnight.

part Italian com

10.25

8.30 Film: Tommy (1975) starring

7.30 Whistle Test Includes film of

the Thompson Twins

7.15 The First Noels. The second

location?

Evans.

ddnap plot and learns of

6.50 Lost Souls. Charles Bowman

series about the fives of Presidents of the United

eyes of a mother and he

Herbert Hoover (r).

5.20 Open to Question. Eighty Scots teenagers grill the

6.00 The Rockford Files. Legacies

States as seen through the

TAKING THE LID OFF (ITV, 9.00pm), Nigel Evans's film about abused children who become the responsibility of a loving and caring society after rejection by an unloving and uncaring family, describes the first difficult steps that both children and surrogate parents have to take on the road back to acceptance and to something akin to normality. There is one profoundly difficult lesson that has to be learnt en route: the victims have a right to their anger, but not to their bitterness. The games we see them play, with candles (hope) and jugs of water (love), are not the games you will see being played in too many homes this Christmas. MORE LIVES THAN ONE (BBC

1, 9.25pm), a play about homosexuality, saits against the tide because, in an era when sexual

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: Jewel Robbery* (1932) starring William Powell and

3.45 Years Ahead. Magazine

programme for the older

Dougall, Today's edition includes items on the

attraction of ice skating

Kay Francis. Love story about a suave lewel thief who begins a romance with a beautiful

baroness after stealing a ring

from her in a Visnnese Jewellers. Directed by William Distante.

wer, presented by Robert

gobbledegook; Silver Wings,

worked for a military taffor for

final of the words and numbers

The Human Jungle: The Quick and the Dead." Distinguished

psychiatrist, Roger Corder (Herbert Lom), has on his couch this week a motor

racing driver who is obsess

Robert Beatty and Richard

6.00 The Avengers." Steed and Mrs Peel, on the trail of a particularly baffing series of murders, follow clues that lead to the Togetherness Marriage Bureau. When Steed poses as a client be reservers the

more sinister nature.

7.50 Comment. With his view on a

8.00 Brookaide. Terry is jealous as Michelle prepares herself for a night out while the glamourous

Bobby a case of sexual

programme presented by Penny Junor. John

competition; Bill Breckon

local Trading Standards

sparkling wine.

Korty.

12.45 Closedown.

9.00 Film: A Christmas Without Snow (1980) starring John

promotors of a rip-off

Stoneborough unearths the

stigates the threat facing

discovers the best supermarket champagne and

Houseman. A made-for-television drama about a stem

chairmaster rehearsing his charges for a Christmas

framework for a character study of various members of

the choir. Directed by John

10.50 Here and Now on Pour. The

celebrated sarod player,

Amiad Khan, in concert.

11.45 Tempis: The Davis Cup Final. Highlights of the matches and

moments that won or lost the

Cup for Sweden or the United

performance. This is the

8.30 4 What it's Worth. Consummer affairs

7.00 Channel Four News.

a client he discovers the business is a front for one of a

matter of topical importance is

Terry Sanderson, a gay 'agony

aunt' on a woman's magezine

Janet Hanson discusses with

Johnson.

about winning but finds that

the nightmares he endures are affecting his waking kie. With

variety group consisting of members over 60-years-old.

60 years: plus the odd odes winners and archive film of

Prince Charles' christening

4.30 Countdown. The last quarter-

and Violet Minell who has

CHOICE

aberration increasingly gains respectability through acts of public confession, John Peacock's play minds and hopelessness. "I just want to be accepted as an ordinary man", says the homosexual to his first extra-marital lover. "With a personality defect", is the lover's dampening reminder. This play, short on prurience and long on anguish, is scornful of the factics of police snoopers who drill holes in police snoopers who drill holes in the cellings of public conveniences. It does, in these violent times, seem an awful waste of manpower and surveillance equipment. But until the law is changed, it is a highly effective way of prevening a private indulgence from degenerating into a public nuisance.

Radio 4

On long wave. 1Stereo on VHF.
5.55 Stipping. 8.00 News Briefing;
Weather. 6.10 Farming Today,
8.25 Prayer for the Day.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30
News summary, 8.55, 7.55
Weather, 7.30, 8.20 News. 7.25,
8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the
Day, 8.35 Yesterday in
Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.

9.00 News. 9.05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411 -

Writing. Listeners can question Lord Willis and Carmen Calilli, a

4.00pm) are among the most revealing reminiscences about the writer that I have ever heard on radio, Dame Wendy is, of course, strategically placed within the Shavian environment. She was Shaw's choice for Eliza in the film of Pygmation; she was the target for his characteristic rebuke because of what he called her cataleptic approach to St Joan at the Malvern Festival, and she had the audecity to retaliate by telling the master that he, too, had got the character of the Maid all wrong. Her recollection about her final visit to the aged and bereaved Shaw is intensely moving. And immensely detailed, even to the sun that seemed to shine through his good-bye waving hand. Peter Davalle

Dame Wendy Hiller's memories of her theatrical and personal

tion with G B S (Radio 4,

days in the theatre. (See Choice.)†
4.40 Story Time: The Woman in Black: A ghost story by Susan Hill, Abridged in eight parts (7). Fead by Alan Dudley.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 The Six O'clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Anything Legal. Comedy series starring Dorald Hewlett and Michael Knowles in 'A Tale of Two City Gents'.†

Two City Gents .t

7.08 News,
7.05 The Archers.
7.25 File On 4. Last programme in the series that examines major issues at home and abroad.
8.00 Medicine Now. Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical 10.00 News: From Our Own care. 8.30 An Evening with Mrs Threle adapted from 'A Heart Unsatisfied' by Michael Justin Davies. Arma Massey plays Mrs Thrale, Dr Johnson's close friend, 9.00 in Touch. News, views and intransition for according with a

19.00 News; From Our Own
Correspondent.

19.30 Morning Story; 'It Came out of a
Cracker' written and read by
Charlie Chester.

19.45 Daily Sarvice Advent Calender;
Daniel in the Lions' Den.†

11.00 News; Travet, Thirty-Minute
Thactre Teddy's Bear's Picric'
by Paul King, With Norman
Rodway. A story of robots who
try to establish a new regime in a
playroom. Information for people with a visual handicap.

9.30 The Family Abroad, last of five playroom. 11.33 Wildlife. 12.90 News; You and Yours. Consume programmes. - Letter from Tokyo', With William Horsley, the Block correspondent in Japan. Kalaidoscope, Includes comment on Cortolanus at the Clivier My Word! Dilys Powell and Frank Mult challenge Antonia Fraser end Denis Norden. The chakman: Michael O'Donnell 12.55

Weather. 1.00 The World at One: News. 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping

12.27

Forecast.
2.90 News; Women's Hour Today's edition includes Penny Searley on Christmas folk customs that have survived the passing of the years, And Martin Muncaster reads part one of Lawrence Durreil's Sketches from Dinformatic Life. one of Lawrence Durrell's Sketches from Diplomatic Life, 3.00 The Afternoon Play: A Few Kind Words, by Rib Davis, With Emrys James and Patricia Gallimore. The story of a Darbyshire miner who asks his daughter to do something very special for him just to show that she is one of the family.†

4.90 Naves; Darme Wendy Hiller talks to Martin Jenkins about her early

6.55 Weather, 7.00 News.

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Regional news respectines, 10.45-11.15 East - Spectrum, Midlands - The Truth about Christmes, North - York Minster, North-East - Words, Music and

Christmas. North-West - Ferniles United. South - Tanks on our Doorstep, South-West - Spotlight Review of the Year, West - And It's Chardstock to Bat.

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\$4C Starts 1.00pm Countdown, 1.30

Alice, 2.00 Fiziabaiam, 2.15

Interval, 2.55 Filtr. Road Show, Hal

Roach comedy, 4.30 Fiziabaiam, 4.45

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UFO, 6.20 Y Nadolig Hwarw, 6.30

Larwin, 7.00 Newddion Saith, 7.30

Jambo Bwara, 8.05 St Elsewhere, 8.05

Byw Yn Rhydd, 19.55 Muck and Brass, 11.55 British Council: Have Culture –

Will Travel, 12.50am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except. 10.25em Profiles in Rock. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 5.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads, 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 12.25em Signs of Christmas, closedown.

WHF (available in England and S. Wales only) Radio 4 vhf is as above, except: 5.55-6.00em Weather, Travel 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner, 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.00-11.30 Study On 4; The Chip Shop with Barry Norman.

Theatre.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'Just Resting' by Leon McKern. The actor reads sight extracts from his recently published autoblography. (2) 10.30 The World Tonight, including, 11.00 Headlines.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament.

12.00 News; Weather, 12.33 Shipping.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC 1 Water: 12.57pm-1.00 News of Water Headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Water Headlines. 5.10-5.35 Gloris. 5.35-6.58 Water Today, 6.30-8.55 Grange Hill. 10.45-11.35 Music Makers. 11.35-12.00 Claire Rayner's Casebook. (Homosexuality). 12.00-12.05am News. Scottand: 12.57pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 5.30-6.55 Reporting Scottand. 10.45-11.15 Knee-deep in Clarst. 12.05pm-12.10 News and weather. Northern Ireland News. 3.45-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 3.45-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 4.30-6.55 Inside Ulster. 10.45-11.15 Gellery: Wall Painting. 12.05pm-12.10 News and weather. England: 6.30pm-6.55 arm. 12.25am Closedown. HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

TSW As London except: 10.25em Eye of the Storm. 11.15 Skinny Sking. 11.30 Miracle of Glass. 11.55-12.00 Star of Bethlehem. 12.30-1.00 Portrait of a Legend. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughtera. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Looksround. 6.35 Crossroeds. 7.00-7.30 Enmerdale Farm. 12.25em Star of Bethlehem. 12.30 News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:

7.05 Morning Concert: Walton's Coronation March: Crown Imperial; Franck's Symphonic Variations (Alicia De Larrocha piano); Scarlatti's (arranged Shostakovich) Pastorele and Capriccio; Bloch's Concerto Grosso No 2 for strings.18.00 News. 8.05 Morning Concert (contd.); Ravel's Violin Sonata (Dumay/Collard); Gershwin's The Man I Love;

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Gershwin's The Mari I Love; Nobody but you; Do it again: 'S/wonderful (Watts, piano); Richard Rodney Bennet's Tuesday's Child (Jazz Catendar); Weill's Und was bekam des Soldaten Weil? (Strates, soprano); Stravinsky's Scenes di ballet.19.00 News.

ballet.19.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Bizet, Te Deum (Greenberg/Winbergh/ Suisse Romande); and Roma (City of Birminghan SO under Framsus.†

10.00 Lipinsid: Igor Iwanow with Warsew PO play the Violin Concerto No 2.†

10.30 Brahms Chordi Music: BBC Singers, Julian Baker (hom), Philip Eastop (hom) and Theima Owen (harp), includes Three Motets Op 110; and Two Motets, Op 74.† Op 74,†

Op 74.†
11.15 Dekné String Quartet: Raver's
String Quartet in F: Bridge's
Three Novelleten, 1904; and his
Sir Roger de Coverley.†
12.10 Midday Concert: part one, BBC
Scottish SO (under Seamen).
With Mayumi Fujikawa (violin).
Eigar's overture Protesart; and
Mandelsschn's Violin
Concerts.11.00 News.

Concerto.11.00 News.
1.05 Concert (contd.): Brahms's Symphony No 2.1
1.50 Cutter Encores: Hubert Kappel plays works by David Keliner and Rodrigo (Invocation and Dance).1

Rodrigo (Invocation and Dance),†
2.10 Affred Brendet works for plano,
Bect's Italian Concento, Liszt's
Yelse Oublide No 1; Mozart's
Plano Concento No 12 (with
Chicago SO); Liszt's Unstern;
Bach's Chromatic Fantasy and
Fugue; Mozart's Plano Concento
No 3 (with Chicago SO).†
4.00 Capricom: The ensemble play
Areasty's Plano Trio in D minor
Op 32; and Glinica's Grand Sextet
in E hat.14.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of
Jeremy Stepmann's selections.
6.30 Buil Virginal Music: Robert
Woolley plays on a Thomas White

Wooley plays on a Thomas White virginal of 1642. The works include lonic Alman; and Walsingham Variations; 7.05 Smetens: Dresden State

Orchestra under Berglund play Sarka: From Bohemia's Woods and Fields (Ma Visst),† 7.30 Immelin: Delas's three-ect oper The first broadcast of the work In a list broaccast of the work for 30 years. BBC Singers and Concert Orchestra are under Norman Del Mar, with soloists including Ellene Hannan (title role), Arm Howard, Michael Rippon and John Mitchinson. Acts one and two.†

A Memorable Scene: Yorn Ferning reads Thomas Carther's

Fleming reads Thomas Carlyle's account of the Fall of the Bastille, imnelin: the third act.†
Jazz Today: Charles Fox presents the Henry Lowthar Octet.†

11.99 Mendelssohn and Beethoven: Haydn Trio of Vienna play Beethoven's Piano Trio in D Op 70 No 1 (The Ghost), and Mendelssohn's Piano Trio in C minor Op 65.7 11.57 News, Until 12.00.

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News on the hour, Headlines 5.30am,
6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.
4.00 Colin Bery, 15.30 Ray Moore, †
7.30 Terry Wogan Including 8.31
Racing, 10.00 Jimmy Young, † 12.00pm
Steve Jones hncl. 1.05 Sports Desk,
2.00 Gloris Hunniford Incl. 4.02, 5.02
Sports Desks, 5.00 John Dunn finet, 6.02
Sports Desk, 6.30 The Postyke Saga
(23) 6.45 Sports and Classified Results
(mi) only, 8.00 The American Popular
Song (9): Face the Music, † 9.00
Nording Festival, International Music
Festival recorded in the Twol Gardens
Concert Hall, Copenhagen, † 9.55 Sports
Desk, 1.00 Where Were You in 62?,
Introduced by Nigel Rees, Guests are
Jenny Hanley, Frank Iffield, Roy Hudd
and June Whitfield, 10.30 Rotif's
Walkabout, The people of Little
Houghton play host to Rolf Harris and
his company of musicians, 11.00 Brian
Matthew presents Round Midnight
(stereo from midnight), 1.00em
Nightride, † 3.00-4.00 Night Owls, †

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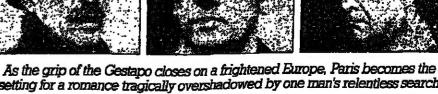
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TOMORROW ON HTV

ANOTHER EXCEPTIONAL DRAMA FROM

Rebuke for MP over IRA visit

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Labour MP for Islington, North, was reprimanded by the Labour chief whip yesterday for arranging a Commons visit for two convicted terrorists - but then said he would be prepared to do the same again.

Mr Corbyn was told by Mr Michael Cocks during a 3-min-ute meeting and that the timing and location of the visit by Linday Quigley and Gerald McLoughlin, less than two weeks after the Brighton bombing, was unfortunate.

MPs had jealously guarded rights, but those rights also carried responsibilities, to their constituents, the general public and their fellow MPs.

He said before the meeting: "I shall be telling Mr Corbyn that whatevr the purpose of this visit in the present climate of opinion this action must be regarded as thoughtlessness of the highest order.

"It is particularly unfortu-nate, I shall say to him, that all this publicity has broken on the anniversary of the dreadful

But Mr Corbyn emerged unrepentant. "I made it clear to Mr Cocks that I believe any MP who wishes to meet people who have points of view to raise from anywhere must have the right and freedom to do that. and that I would, in those circumstances, be prepared meet them again." he said.

His response showed the limits of the chief whip's powers in dealing with any backbencher he considers to be out of line: a frontbencher can at least be relieved of his post. Short of withdrawing the Labour whip from Mr Corbyn - which some Conservative MPs were demanding yesterday - Mr Cocks can only exhort. Denial of the whip would not prevent an MP from bringing guests to the

Mr Corbyn said the two exprisoners had come to the Commons to raise the issue of strip scarches. During the last two months Linda Quigley had discussed the issue with about 20 MPs.

Mr John Hume. MP, confirmed last night that he briefly met Ms Quigley and Mr McLoughlin in the Commons, but knew nothing about their previous history.



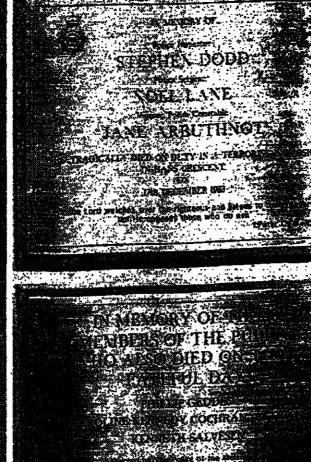
TUESDAY DECEMBER 18 1984

In memoriam: Police Constable John Gordon (above), who lost both his legs and part of a hand in the Harrods bombing which killed six people a year ago, arriving at a memorial service for the victims at St Luke's Church, Chelsea, London. The parents (right) of Woman Police Constable Jane

Arbuthnot, who died in the explosion, also attended the service, with 500 others including Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Police Com-missioner, and Mr Denis Thatcher. After the church service, Sir

Kenneth unveiled a plaque at Chelsea police station (above right) commemorating those who died.

Photographs: Chris Harris and Bill Warhurst





Arts buying power cut by £1.2m

Continued from page 1

In return, the museums and galleries lose £1.2 million, nearly 13 per cent, from their purchase grants, and funds for the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the level of acceptances of arts works against tax are being frozen at their existing

Sir Michael Levey, director of the National Gallery, said "I am appalled and gravely perturbed by the implications of the minster's decision which can do nothing but restrict the National Gallery's activities and services to the public.

The total purchase grant which has to last into 1986 no

longer represents the open market valuation of just one Old Master. A cut of such magnitude is unprecedented in recent years."

Sir David Wilson, director of the British Museum, said: "We are taken aback by this figure which represents a reduction of some 15 per cent when we had asked for an increase of 25 per cent. We feel it is very sad in the present circumstances when so many things are appearing on the market, some of which are heritage items that we cannot meet out obligations."

In the museums and galleries field. Lord Gowrie said that he faced a choice between acquisition and the conservation of existing displays. He hoped that purchase grants could be re-stored "bit by bit" in future years, and he was also working on new taxaon arrangements which would attempt to persuade people to keep works of art instead of putting them on the market. But Lord Gowrie ruled out any tightening of export rules to account for the increasing inability of British institutions to bid for works of art in competition with foreign buyers.

still, allowing access only over drawbridges, under portcul-lises and through stout wooden gates.

Many was the time when marauding enemies laid waste everything outside. Twice the town was saved from almost certain obliteration: once in 1631, when the Catholic forces haid seige to what was then a Protestant stronghold in the bitter Thirty Years War. When Rothenburg finally fell. the Catholic commander of-

fortifications were no match

for the besieging Catholic

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this jewel shimmer with such

the jungle in the tills as tourists come from all over the

With 6.000 inhabitants in

the fifteenth century, Rothen-burg was a rich and influential trading centre, whose wealthy

citizens built fine monuments to their piety and prosperity. Perhaps ti was the walls which

kept it safe; huge stone bulwarks entirely surround it

fered to spare it if any councillor could be found to drink seven pints of local wine from a huge tankard at one draught. One Geoge Nusch, with a prodigious capacity for figuor, came forward and downed the lot. His legendary master drink has been performed as a Whitsuntide agcant every year since 1881.

The other man honoured in the town's memory is John McCloy, an American Assistant Secretary of War in 1943. As the allied forces swept into

Fairyland citadel, frozen in time

Letter from Rothenburg

toymaker really does live in one of the fifteenth century ready to smash into the city, held by the SS. John McCloy gabled houses on the market square. No wonder the makers of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang chose this quaint medieval town for their make-believe kingdom: the former free imperial city in the rich farmland of Bavaria seems handle charged sizes. The had been there and knew it had to be saved for posterity. He negotiated a surrender. Americans, many from military bases near by, are among the foreigners throng-ing the Christmas grottos created in the thriving shops hardly changed since the turbulent days of the Thirty which hide behind the fifteenth century facades. In the fairyland of festive glitter and Years War when its mighty

glass, overpriced Christmas angels and traditional baubles are scooped up by the Rothenburg is a natural film basketful Tourists seeking more spiri-tual inspiration flock to St set, one of the most perfectly preserved jewels of medieval architecture, which by a miracle escaped the destruc-Jacob's Church to gaze at the exquisite wooden altar by Tilman Riemenschneider, Germany's great medieval mightier cities. Never does sparkle as in the frosty three

Rothenburg really experi-enced its heyday around 1400. weeks before Christmas, when the jingle of horse-drawn carriages along the twisted, cobbled streets is matched by and since the seventeenth century has been of no economic importance. This is why the entire walled centre has remained frozen in time. world to throng the open-air Christmas fair, watch the lantern-lit processions and listen to the wassailing in the soaring Gothic churches. free of modern buildings to jar against the beauty of the wooden beamed houses, the galleried courtyards and ancient stone towers - floodlit, of course, for the winter

Lest anyone think that life was idyllic in the old days, the town has a unique and chilling museum of crime and medicual punishment. On display have are the icon head slame. here are the iron head clamps for gossips, ducking stools to half drown suspected witches, thumbscrews, instruments for plucking out eyes and tongues. and all those fearsome tools of repression of yesteryear.

Things are kindlier now. The past Rothenburg seeks to conjure up is one of beauty and serenity: Christmas concerts and screnades, children's theatres, torchlight pro-cessions and re-enactments of inspections by ancient wat-chmen. No expence has been spared to restore every building to a better than original

A motorway brings the Mercedes and Audis, the sleek transport of today's visitors. almost up to the walls and turrets which have stood here since 1200. Too much of Germany has been destroyed. particularly in the apocalypse of the Second World War. What remains is cherished with especial pride.

Michael Binyon

Flight to certain death from Ethiopia to Sudan

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wood in the shape of a crucilix, smothered in dirty blankets, those suffering from dysentery and malaria are laid on the dust under a curtain of flies and beneath a torn canvas roof. The few doctors there fear that hundreds of children could die in the coming weeks if the measles epidemic is not stamped out.

Many of those walking out of the desert carry with them the first signs of malnutrition but they are not starving, mainly because the Tigre People's Liberation Front, the guerrilla army that controls the Province of Tigre from which almost all

In two's and threes, the refugees appear through the early heat haze, the dust rising around them. Behind them are the destitute from Tigre, divided up according to their villages, a column of misery and exhaustion led by priests holding heavy wooden crosses.

If there is something almost indescribably haunting about this panaroma, however, there can be no more desperate sight than the sheer inadequacy of the help being offered them in

Sudan, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, in theory the the famine victims have come, for Refugees, in theory the is sending 14 lorry-loads of food supreme coordinating body for into rebel-held Ethiopia every refugee assistance, is being refugee assistance, is being accused privately by aid workers of underestimating the tragedy, setting up facilities last month for only 5,000 people rather than the 250,000 that may soon be outside Kassala.

A convoy of 13 UNHCR lorries freighted just over 400 refugees to Sudanese settle-ments on Asturday but with 3,000 more victims arriving every day, these efforts are almost negligible.

There is no shortage consultants' from international aid organizations - at least one is from Britain - but they are working to estimate the needs of the refugees in the future while today's needs are not being met now. Aid officials in Kassala, a city itself experiencing the second year of a severe drought, suspect that individual Sudanese merchants are hoarding food to sell at a high price when the emergency grows even more critical.

In Kassala, no one knows available for the famine victims nor how much grain is on its way. All of which presages little hope for the mountain people of

Chernenko pledge, page 6

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Today's events

Royal engagements

exhibition The Art of the Architect": Treasures from the Royal Institute of British Architects "The Art of Collection, 66 Portland Place, to mark their Sesquicentenary, 3. The Prince of Wales opens a

ing in Glasgow, 2.10; and later, attends a concert by Spandau Ballet, Inglistone Hall, Edinburgh, 7.15.

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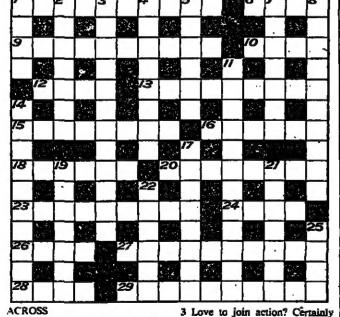
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ACROSS

- 1 Slightly mistimed call after break in fighting (7.3). re from the beginning, said St John (4). 9 Remove all trace of the sort of
- rite a religious goes about (10). 10 One may be running round garden, laughing (2-2). 12 Antipodean type of fruit plant 11
- 13 Lively as third part of Holst's 14 Shared gift in a way that's suite (9). suite (9).

 15 Receiver of property possibly

 17 Increase ungency where president (3-7).
- sees gain in it (8). 16 Something tediously familiar for 19 Result of crop sailors harvested veteran bowler, perhaps (3,3).
- 18 Escort arranged for part of front 20 Expert marksmanship of a certain kind (4-4).
- 23 Village of Gotham, or London borough (9). 24 Something that'll do for head,
- and point (4). 26 Alternate courses for food (4). 27 Firmness of purpose seen in decision (10). 28 Indeed, a table contains these
- 29 How far does new order indicate what's ahead? (10).

DOWN

- I Arrest for completion of sentence, perhaps (4). 2 Writer Jane gave orders to (7).
- TAMERANT MAN A CANAL OF A S. C. R. A. N. B. C. R. A. C. R ● This year's Prize Jumbo Crossword with a £50 prize for the first five correct solutions and The Times Quiz - 108 taxing questions and a £250 first prize - will appear on Saturday. December 22; readers are advised to order The Times to ensure receiving a copy. CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 8

manufacturing plant of Wang (UK).
Hillfoots Rd. Stirling. 10.15; and later, as President, the Royal Jubilee and Prince's Trusts, visits the premises of recipients of Youth Business Initiative bursaries, arrivents of Research 11. New Exhibitions Sculpture by Hebe Comerford: Bolton Museum and Art Gallery, Le

Mans Crescent; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, closed Weds and Sun; (ends

Exhibitions in progress Exhibitions in progress
Archives for the Future; Stafford
Art Gallery, The Green; Tues to Fri
10 to 5. Sat 10 to 4; (ends Jan 19).
Contemporary Art by The Society
of Scottish Artists, Collins Gallery.
Strathetyde University. 22 Richmond St. Glasgow; Mon to Fri 10 to
5. Sat 12 to 4; (ends Jan 8).
Elements of Nature: pictures of

Elements of Nature: pictures of earth, air and water. Elizabethan Exhibition Gallery. Brook St. Wakefield: Mon to Sat 10:30 to 12:30 and 1:30 to 5: (ends Dec 22). Engravings and lithographs by Walter Francis Tiffin, Salisbury and

South Wittshire Museum, The King's House, 65 The Close, Salishury, Mon to Sat 10 to 4: (ends Mar 2). Photographs by Annie Iebovitz: Stills Gaffery. 105 High St. Edinburgh; Tues to Sat 12:30 to 6:

ends Jan 19). Paintings by Helen Pollock; MacLaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr, Mon to Sat II to 5 (ends

Last chance to see Fur and Feather: Wildlife paint ings, etchings, engraved glass and ceramic sculpture: Yew Tree Gallery, The Square, Ellastone, Ashbourne, Derbyshire; 10 to 6.

Christmas music Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra: The Guildhall, Southampton, 8.
Concert by the St David's Metropolitan Cathedral Choir, 1.05; and concert by the Orchestra and Chorus of the Welsh National Opera, 7.30; St David's Hall, Cardiff.

Cardiff.
Handel's Messiali by the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and
City of Birmingham Symphony
Orchestra and City of Birmingham

Choir, Town Hall, Birmingham, 7. Christmas concert by the North-ern Chamber Orchestra and Oriana Choir: St George's Church, High St Macclesfield, 7.30. Carol Service by St Michael's

Bamford Church of England Primary School: St Michael's Church, Heywood, Lancs, 7. Christmas concert with Harworth Organ Enthusiasts, Harworth Social Welfare Hall, Whitehouse Rd, Bircotes, Doncaster, 7.30. Carol concert with the Norwich Citadel Band; St Andrew's Hall,

Norwich, 7.30. Channel trips

Shoppers returning from cross-channel trips are reminded that they must declare any meat that they have bought abroad to Customs by going through the "red" channel. This applies to all meat products. including bacon, ham, sausages, salami and pale. The restrictions have been imposed because of the risk that serious animal diseases can be introduced through imported animal products. No meat or mean products can be brought back from Spain. Portugal and most of Africa. and no uncooked meat can be brought in from Greece.

TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in this week anding December 9:

Name That Tune (Ex. Uts), Than 15.85m The Benny Hill Show, Thames, 14.85m The A-Team, ITV, 14.70m -Child's Play, LWT, 14.70m Croscroade (Wed), Central, 14.65m Tarby and Friends, LWT, 14.65m Croscroads (Tue), Central, 14.45m Croscroads (Tue), Central, 14.45m

BBC 1 Daltas, 14.00m
Tenko, 13.70m
Dynasty, 11.50m
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The Left, Lefte Breakfast Show, 11.40m
The Miller Mood, 11.30m
Neve and Sport (Sat 21.40), 11.20m
The Secret Servant (Sat), 10.90m
Bankery Blants, 10.70m
The insiligence Men, 10.45m
The Secret Servant (Thu), 10.30m

BBC 2
To the Manor Born, 6.45m
The New Statesmen, 5.55m
Porty Minutes, 4.55m
**MASH, 4.85m
**The Natural World, 4.65m
**Embertainment USA, 4.55m
**Nightwing, 4.50m
**Devil's Avocate, 3.90
Food and Drink, 3.40m
**Horizon, 3.30m
**Chesnel 4
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h's Never too Late, 7,70m Brockside (Mort), 5,60m The Two Works of Jerry Logan, 5,15m Brockside (Tue), 4,95m Hall Street Blues, 4,45m Brookside (Tue), 4.956 Hill Street Blues, 4.456 Just Sex. 3.55m St. Elsewhere, 3.00m / St. Essewhere, 3.00m.
S. Gardeners' Calendaria: 2.90m.
9 Pushing up Dateles, 2.75m.
8= American Footbell, 2.75m.
Breakfast televisites: 71% average werigures for audiences at peak times (injures in perentiness; showing the reach -number of people who viewed for at least farenares).

mmunes); BBC1: Breaklast Time: Mon to Fri 1.5m (7.5m); TV-am: Good Morning Britair: Mon to Fri 2.3n (10.2m); Sar 2.4m, Sun 1.7m (Set or Sun 6.7m); Broadcasters* Audience Research Boerd.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Estimates on industrial support.

Lords (2.30): Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill, third reading Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill, second reading.

Anniversaries

Births: Sir Joseph Thomson, physicist. Nobel inureate, 1906. Manchester, 1856: Francis Thomson, poet, author of The Hound of Heaven, Preston, 1859; Paul Klee painter of abstracts. Mudenbuchses witzerland, 1879.

Deaths: Antonio StradivarL violin maker, Cremona (?). 1737; Jean Baptiste de Lamarck, biologist Paris, 1829.

The pound

Retail Price Index: 358.8

Roads

The North: Al: Roadworks on leven Mile House Bridge, NW of A688: Roadworks on Bishop Auckland bypass N of the junction with the A6072. M62: Resurfacing of hard shoulder between junctions 24 and .26 (Brighouse to Bradford stretch) on E and westbond carriageways, some delay.

.Wales and West: A39: Roadworks from Barnstaple to Bideford at North Rd. Pildon: also surfacing work at Abbotsham Cross. A494: Temporary lights during working hours on the Dolgellau to Bata Rd on the stretch between Dolgellau and Rhydymain. M4: Only one lane of westbound carriageway open between Junction 17 (Cirencester/ Chippenham) and 18 (A46 Bath

Scotland: A68: Roadworks N of Pathead Midlothian A78 (A742): Roadworks at IBM between Greenock and Inverkip; eastbound carriageway closed: two-way on westbound. A74: Telecom work of B740 junction, at Crawfordjohn; westbound inside lane closed, 24hrs. Information supplied by the AA.

The papers

The Daily Mirror says: "The evil which Colin Evans did to Marie Payne is beyond discription. The negligence which made it possible is beyond forgiveness." The paper adds: "That a man with such an obscene record of sexual assaults upon children could become a child minder is incredible. That he would end up as a child murderer now looks to have been almost inevitable."

The Daily Star also commenting on the murder of Marie Payne, says. The Home Office and Scotland Yard must find ways of ensuring that the records of all sex offenders are made constantly available to all local police forces and social services departments. And local councils must make sure that all their staff act on the information by sacking those who don't."



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Weather forecast

A trough of low pressure will cross the British Isles from the W.

6am to midnight

London, SE, Central S, E England, East Anglia, Midlands: Surny periods at first, scattered showers developing:

wind SW to W moderate; max temp 7C (45F).

Channel lelanda, SW, NW England, Wales, Isle of Man: Bright or sunny intervals, occasional showers, wintry on hills; wind SW becoming W fresh; max temp 7C (45F).

Lake District, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Hightands: Bright or surny intervals, occasional wintery showers, perhaps heavy, becoming cloudy later; wind SW to W fresh or strong; max temp 7C (45F).

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Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday. Cloudy weather with occasional rain spreading from the W to most districts tomorrow; becoming mild or very mild in the S.

Sun sets: 3.52 pm Moon rises: Moon sets: 2.51 am 1.26 pm Lighting-up time

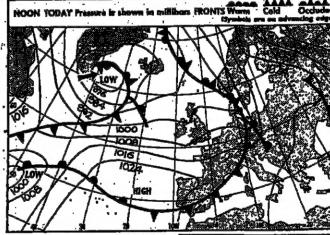
London 4 22 pm to 7 33 am Bristol 4 32 pm to 7 42 am Edishurgh 4.09 pm to 8.11 am Kanchester 4 20 pm to 7.32 am Penzance 4.51 pm to 7.48 am

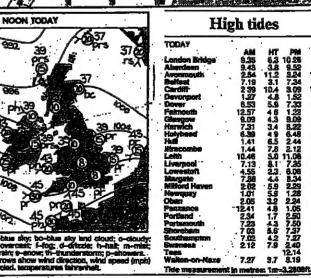
Yesterday

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Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); wis 8 pm to 6 am, 3C (S7F). Humidity: 8 pm, 71 per cent. Rein: 24th to 5 pm, 0.00Gm. Sun: 24th to 6 pm, 0.00 Bar, meen see level, 6 pm, 1008 3 midbars = 28.55= Highest and lowest

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